

Federal Grant Application Request  
**Department of Education**  
Evaluation of Educator Effectiveness

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**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of up to \$2.9 million for a five-year grant for evaluation of educator effectiveness.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requesting authority to apply for a five-year \$2.9 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Educational Sciences. This grant will evaluate issues relating to evaluating the effectiveness of the new Educator Evaluation System. Issues include those related to effectiveness, mobility and distribution of the teacher workforce and the effect on student achievements. The study will examine data across districts as well as using a teacher survey focused on the Educator Evaluation System. The district by district component will allow the research team to look at various implementation strategies identifying which approaches lead to the best student achievement gains.

ODE will partner with the American Institutes for Research who will perform most of the work associated with the grant. The Department will retain \$168,000 annually of the grant and the remainder will be for the services provided by and through AIS. There is no match for the grant and no further state staff will be required for the grant. The details of the grant were released on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the grant application was due June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.