

**Oregon Health Authority
Sodium Reduction**

On February 15th, the Human Services Subcommittee voted to recommend approval of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$500,000 per year for five years, to reduce sodium intake.

The purpose of the grant is to implement strategies to reduce the consumption of sodium. The agency plans to collaborate with the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon State Hospital, and the Department of Corrections to reduce sodium levels in the food service choices in schools, prisons, and the Oregon State Hospital. They intend to do this through better implementation of food service guidelines that include sodium, focusing on procurement of lower sodium items, and improved food preparation practices to reduce sodium in meals.

In addition, Public Health and Oregon State University's Food Innovation Center will work with partners, including food manufacturers and distributors, to develop and implement strategies to reduce sodium in processed and prepared foods.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and the agency does not expect to need any new positions.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.