

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Oregon Health Authority
Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program**

On March 11th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$736,000 per year for five years to support youth suicide prevention activities under the federal Garrett Lee Smith grant program.

The federal grant opportunity supports youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies in schools, juvenile justice systems, behavioral health programs, foster care systems, and other youth-serving organizations. OHA has used funding previously awarded under this program to increase the number of individuals trained to identify youth who are at risk of suicide, increase clinical support services for at-risk youth, and improve the continuity of suicide care in five counties with higher than average rates of suicide. The new grant opportunity will enable OHA to build upon these existing initiatives and expand activities to additional regions. The federal dollars do not require state cost-sharing or matching.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.