

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Oregon Health Authority
Children's Health Programs**

On April 15th, 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 \$4 million through the federal Linking Action to Unmet Children's Health Needs initiative.

This initiative is designed to promote the wellness of young children by addressing the physical, emotional, and behavioral aspects of their development. If awarded, OHA would use the grant dollars to conduct behavioral health screenings for children, provide training to help families establish safe environments, and support mental health consultations in early care settings. Given the connection to childhood development, OHA would partner with the Early Learning Division to coordinate grant activities.

The grant period is for five years and the federal dollars do not require a state match.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.