

**Oregon Health Authority
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity**

On May 8th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$20.8 million for the prevention of infectious diseases and other threats to public health.

Most of this funding represents federal money OHA has received since 2001 to support its Communicable Disease Prevention program and the Public Health Laboratory. The grant renewal also incorporates two additional components previously funded through separate grants. First, the renewal includes funding to support the collection of data to monitor the harmful effects of diseases and hazardous conditions. Second, the grant allows a limited number of applicants to apply for up to \$250,000 to manage health risks from harmful algal blooms in water systems. The CDC last provided funding for this purpose in 2013 and has taken a renewed interest since the contamination of City of Salem drinking water in 2018.

This is a five-year grant with no state match requirement. If awarded, OHA will not need additional staff.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.