

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 12: Oregon Health Authority Climate and Health Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application request to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for \$12 million over five years to support strategies that reduce negative health outcomes attributed to climate change.

The Oregon Health Authority applied for the grant's core component and three optional components related to building community capacity and improving data tools. CDC approved only the core component at \$2 million over the five-year grant period. OHA's existing Climate and Health Program, which has been funded by previous grants from the same CDC program, will use the new award to advance ongoing activities and strategy development. Some of the key activities include updating the five-year Climate and Health Resilience Plan; supporting the implementation of the Oregon Climate Equity Blueprint; developing culturally responsive climate and health curricula; and establishing a web-based climate and health data tool.

Most of the costs to support these activities result from existing program staff salaries, a new permanent Operations and Program Analyst 3 position to work on planning and communications, and contractual expenses. The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort.

Please note, this item was approved by the Human Services Subcommittee as part of an en bloc action.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.