

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 10: Oregon Health Authority Health Insurance Marketplace**

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

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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 Medicare and Medicaid Services in the amount of \$800,000 over one year to enhance consumer education, outreach, and navigation services for the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace.

The State Exchange Modernization Grant Program was established by the American Rescue Plan Act to help states modernize their health insurance exchange systems and assist consumers with new financial assistance opportunities. CMS approved the Oregon Health Authority's grant application for \$500,000. OHA will use this award to enhance consumer webtools, including translation of the Marketplace website into Spanish. The agency will also support consumer assistance and targeted education activities and the development of training materials for call center staff, community partners, and insurance agents. All grant activities will be carried out by existing program staff and community and contractual partners. No state match or maintenance of effort is required.

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

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.