

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 9: Oregon Health Authority Emerging Infections

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of \$43.6 million over five years to support the Oregon Emerging Infections Program.

The Emerging Infections Program was initiated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address microbial threats. Oregon is one of only 10 states that currently receive program funding. This funding has increased incrementally since 1995, growing to \$6.9 million annually in 2023. The current grant amount represents annual average funding of \$8.7 million. OHA will use these funds to continue the support of core program functions and provide for enhanced program infrastructure, data modernization, and reporting capacity. No state matching funds are required. The agency intends to seek the addition of eighteen permanent, full-time positions if the grant is awarded at the level requested.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.