

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 8: Department of Education

Early Literacy

To: Emergency Board
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Owens

The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Education to increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation and establish two positions for literacy initiatives.

The Department received notice of a \$57.9 million Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant award from the U.S. Department of Education that will be provided to the Department through five annual payments. The Department received the first annual payment of \$11.6 million in October.

The funding will be used to award competitive subgrants to local education agencies and continue efforts currently underway in the Early Literacy Success Initiative and Oregon's Early Literacy Framework, as well as future efforts in the Adolescent Literacy Framework. To implement and administer the subgrants, the agency needs two full-time, limited duration positions. These positions will be supported by the grant funding.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Education by

\$11,578,036 and authorize the establishment of two limited duration positions (0.50 FTE) for literacy success and the literacy framework initiatives.