

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Newborn Screening

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

On February 8th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of up to \$345,000 per year for 5 years to enhance, improve, and expand Oregon's Newborn Screening program.

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration is offering grant funds to improve newborn screening programs nationwide. If awarded, Oregon intends to utilize the funds to develop an implementation guide to improve the process for adding new conditions to Oregon's screening panel and to facilitate the addition of a specific condition, commonly referred to as MPS2, that was recently added to the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel. One grant funded position would also be requested to support the grant activity and no state match is required.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.