

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEALTHY WORKFORCE ACT OF 2009, WHICH WOULD AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS FOR THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING WELLNESS PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Healthy Workforce Act of 2009. In order to alleviate our public health crisis, we must make it easier for Americans to make small, easy choices that improve their overall health. With many Americans spending more than half of their day at work, it makes sense to encourage our places of employment to offer the information, opportunities and support they need to make healthy choices.

The Healthy Workforce Act provides companies with an up to fifty percent tax credit for implementing employee wellness programs. These programs can include, but are not limited to, health education or health risk assessments, behavioral change programs that encourage healthy lifestyles, such as classes on nutrition or smoking cessation, and to support environment changes to encourage employee participation. Programs like this have a myriad of positive benefits for personal health, employee productivity, workplace environment and the economy.

There can be no doubt that America is facing a public health crisis: 63 percent of Americans are overweight and 31 percent are obese. Even more alarming, according to the Surgeon General, obesity is responsible for 300,000 deaths per year. This crisis not only impacts the daily lives of many Americans, but the bottom line for American companies. Average employer medical costs increased 72 percent between 2000 and 2006, with some companies spending more than fifty percent of their profits on employee health care expenses. Employers are increasingly bearing the costs of diet-related chronic disease and obesity through employer-provided health care plans and indirectly through higher rates of absenteeism, decreased productivity and higher health care costs. Obesity related health conditions cost employers approximately \$33 billion in health care and other indirect costs.

The Healthy Workforce Act of 2009 will make it easier for companies to encourage their employees to make healthy decisions and in turn, decrease health care costs for employers, employees, and taxpayers.

BIG GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, yesterday, The Post and Courier, of Charleston, S.C., reviewed the intervention of government in the management of General Motors. I share the editorial opinion that dismissal of business executives is not a proper function of government personnel.

EDITORIAL

President Obama fired General Motors Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner over the weekend, ostensibly due to his failure to come up with a "plan" acceptable to the administration. If he hadn't cleaned out his desk and surrendered his key to the executive washroom, he was told there would be no more taxpayer dollars to keep GM afloat.

CEOs of other corporations taking federal bailout money surely have taken note. The stock market certainly did when the news hit.

If you are not worried by the Obama administration's audacious grab for the commanding heights of the U.S. economy—the banks, the insurance industry, the giant too-big-to-fail manufacturers—you should be. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner even suggests that government takeover of private corporations that have not accepted federal loans would be warranted, if considered necessary to rescue the overall economy.

The question boils down to this: Would it have been better to let well-established bankruptcy law apply to GM (and other failing corporate giants) rather than suffer Washington's continued exertions on its behalf.

Or, to put it another way, would you like your next car designed in Washington rather than in Detroit?

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below (1) are not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) are not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and were included in H.R. 1105, The Omnibus Appropriations Act, FY 2009.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture (OR, ID, WA)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$313,000 for the Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture project in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used cooperatively between research and extension faculty from the three states, scientists from the USDA's National Forage Seed Production Research Center, and USDA's Agriculture Research Service to maintain a sustainable grass seed cropping industry in the Pacific Northwest at a time when the grass seed industry faces some critical environ-

mental and economic challenges including public pressure to phase out open-field burning.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Northwest Multi-commodity Marketing Special Research Grant

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$244,000 for a special research grant program that enhances competitiveness and expands the economic value-added component in Oregon agricultural products through research and outreach in food processing, product development, business strategy, marketing, and consumer testing. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to conduct research to support food processing and food product development, investigate consumer perceptions of product quality and value, and evaluate marketing and food industry strategies.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Organic Cropping Research for the Northwest

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Oregon and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$140,000 to Organic Cropping Research for the Northwest. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be help expand the research, education, and extension activities at Oregon State University with a primary focus on the development and implementation of sustainable organic farming systems for higher rainfall locations in the Cascadia bioregion in the states of Oregon and Washington. Oregon's organic agriculture industry will benefit from research directed at problems facing organic commodities and, ultimately, enhance competitiveness of Oregon's organic agriculture products. In Oregon, 357 certified organic farms generate more than \$52.1 million in organic products from approximately 59,200 certified acres. Oregon's strong agricultural infrastructure and unique climate make Oregon's agriculture uniquely positioned to grow dramatically in its market share of organic dairy and meat, tree fruits, specialty seed, berry crops, and processed and fresh market vegetables.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Potato Research (OR, ID, WA, and other states)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and other states

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$1,037,000 for a research program which is operated jointly by an entity known as Tri-State, which includes: USDA-ARS, Washington State University, Oregon State University, and the University of Idaho. Oregon State

University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be split equally between the four Tri-State partners and used for research and development of new potato varieties. The Tri-State program is considered to be one of the most elite variety development programs in the world.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Regional Barley Genome Mapping (many states)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Many states

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$471,000 to continue funding the United States Barley Genome Project (USBGP). Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to continue the project's long-term goal of enhancing the profitability and sustainability of U.S. agriculture by achieving a complete understanding of the gene networks that determine economically important traits in barley. The rationale behind understanding gene networks is that knowledge regarding the number, location, sequence, expression, regulation, and interaction of genes will allow plant breeders to more efficiently develop barley varieties.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$307,000 for the Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to fund extension, education, and cooperative research activities on peer reviewed small fruits research project proposals that will enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest. This funding supports critical aspects of the center not supported by USDAARS funds.

Account: USDA—Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Title: Solutions to Environmental and Economic Problems (STEEP) (OR, ID, WA)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731

Project Location: Oregon, Idaho, and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$444,000 for Solutions to Environmental and Economic Problems (STEEP). Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used for this program which provides a base for an agricultural research and extension education partnership to address production and environmental issues in cereal cropping systems throughout the Pacific Northwest. The partnership with producers, in-

dustry, USDA—ARS, NRCS, conservation districts, and university research and extension personnel enhances programs on: conservation of soil quality; evaluation of reduced pesticide use and other alternatives for crop protection; management options that substitute for residue requirements in farm plans; and on-farm testing. General program objectives are: determining impact of farming practices on soil, water, and air quality; improving profitability of conservation farming systems; facilitating production of biofuels, increasing carbon sequestration and reducing greenhouse gases; developing crop varieties better suited to planting in conservation farming systems; identifying alternative crops for conservation farming systems in the PNW; increasing the no-till acreage in the PNW; and accelerating adoption of profitable conservation farming systems.

Account: Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, Attn: Larry Curtis, Associate Dean, 138 Strand Hall, Corvallis, OR 97731,

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Rep. Walden Statement for the Congressional Record H.R. 1105, April 2, 2009—Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$640,000 to research management actions to reduce disease (ceratomyxosis) in juvenile salmon in the Klamath River. Research will be conducted through controlled laboratory and field experiments. OSU has stated that all of the appropriated funds will go toward project coordination, laboratory and field studies, field assistance, and website development for information dissemination.

Account: Department of Justice; COPS; Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Medford, Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Medford, Attn: Bill Hoke, Dpty. City Manager 411 West 8th Street, Medford, Oregon

Project Location: Medford, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$700,000 for the Jackson County, Oregon Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center. The project will consolidate Jackson County, Oregon's two existing 911/emergency dispatch centers into one facility which will improve coordination and interoperability among emergency response agencies, improve call processing times and decrease response times. The City of Medford has stated that the appropriated funds will go toward the purchase of dispatch consoles, computer equipment and software, costs associated with connectivity of current communications tower and new facility.

Account: Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Byrne Discretionary Grants. Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon Health and Science University Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Health and Science University, 3181 Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, OR 97239

Project Location: Portland, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$200,000 to the Multidisciplinary Institute for Neuropsychiatric Diagnosis to develop evidence-based medical diagnosis and treatment for psychiatric disorders that may be triggered by use of methamphetamine. OHSU has stated that all of the appropriated funds

will go toward salary for MD and PhD scientists, research equipment and the salary for a clinical coordinator.

Account: Department of Justice; OJP; Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon Health and Sciences University

Address of Requesting Entity: Wasco County, Oregon, Attn: Steve Conover, Wasco Co Sheriffs Dpt. 511 Washington, Ste 102, The Dalles, Oregon

Project Location: Portland, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$300,000 for the Wasco County, Oregon Interoperability 911 Center. The project will relocate the County's Emergency Operations Center and equip it with hardware that will provide additional data capacity and communications equipment that meets interoperability requirements of local, state and federal agencies. Wasco County, Oregon has stated that the appropriated funds will go toward relocation costs and the purchase of emergency communications equipment.

Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Project Name: Milton-Freewater Stormwater Treatment Plant Construction Project

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Umatilla County, Oregon Attn: Hulette M. Johnson, 216 SE 4th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: The City of Milton-Freewater, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$300,000 for the Milton-Freewater Stormwater Treatment Plant Construction Project to be located in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Umatilla County has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the City of Milton-Freewater to assist in development of storm water treatment system which will result in increased clean drinking water for the local community. Funds provided will enable the community to construct a holding pond to catch silt-laden storm and winter water run off which currently clogs the drainage system and deposits silt into drinking water wells.

Account: US Forest Service—Land Acquisition

Project Name: Columbia River Gorge Land Acquisition

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Columbia River Gorge Commission, Attn: Jill Arens, Executive Director, 1 Town & Country Square, 97 NE Wauna Avenue, White Salmon, WA 98672

Project Location: Columbia River Gorge, Oregon and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$2 million for Columbia River Gorge Land Acquisitions in Oregon and Washington. The Columbia River Gorge Commission has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to purchase those remaining parcels of land with signed options that were offered by landowners by March of 2004 under Section 8(o) of the National Scenic Area Act but never acquired by the USFS. The purchase of these remaining properties would finally fulfill the federal government's commitment to these individuals.

Account: Corps of Engineers Construction

Project Name: Columbia River Channel Improvements, OR and WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Columbia River Channel Coalition, Attn: Dave Hunt, Executive Director, PO Box 903, Clackamas, OR 97015

Project Location: Columbia River in Oregon and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$34.451 million for the Columbia River Channel Improvements, OR and WA. The Columbia River Channel Coalition has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project, which were also included in the President's FY 2009 budget, will be used by the Corps to complete all of the dredging and environmental features of the Columbia River deep-draft navigation channel to a new depth of 43-feet. The channel deepening is economically vital to the Nation and to the Pacific Northwest because each year, \$16 billion in exports and imports are transported via the Columbia River.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Project Name: Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites, OR and WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, PO Box 638, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: Celilo Village in Oregon and other sites along the Columbia River, OR and WA

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$5.125 million for the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites, OR and WA. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to complete the Celilo Village Redevelopment Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Site construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The President's FY 2009 budget also included funds to complete this project. This site is likely the single most prominent Native American site along the Lewis and Clark Trail, and the present day Village denotes an important and significant way-point for Lewis and Clark among the large Native American fishing and trading community at Celilo on the banks of the Columbia River.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Project Name: Columbia Gorge Community College Wind Energy Workforce Training Nacelle

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Columbia Gorge Community College Attn: Dan Spatz, Chief of Institutional Advancement, 400 East Scenic Drive, The Dalles, OR 97058
Project Location: The City of The Dalles, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$237,875 for the Columbia Gorge Community College Wind Energy Workforce Training Nacelle. Columbia Gorge Community College has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to acquire and place a wind turbine nacelle on its campus to provide hands-on, real-world training to complement the classroom and shop training currently offered by the community college. In 2007, Columbia Gorge Community College established the first program of its kind on the West Coast for wind turbine technician training.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Project Name: Geothermal Power Generation Plant (OR)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Institute of Technology, Attn: John

Lund, Director of the Geo-Heat Center 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Project Location: Klamath Falls, Oregon
Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$1,522,400 for the Geothermal Power Generation Plant at Oregon Institute of Technology. Oregon Institute of Technology has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to help construct a high-temperature geothermal power plant on the Oregon Institute of Technology campus. The plant would provide 100% of the electricity demand on campus and would be the first geothermal power plant in Oregon.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Project Name: Wave Energy Research and Demonstration Center (OR)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, Attn: Annette von Jouanne, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 3027 Kelley Engineering Center, Corvallis, OR 97331

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon and near the City of Newport, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$2,331,180 for the Wave Energy Research and Demonstration Center to be co-located in Corvallis, Oregon at Oregon State University and near the City of Newport, Oregon. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to establish the National Wave Energy Center, which will provide an in-water infrastructure of up to five test berths approximately two miles offshore that will be available to industry and public entities to test wave energy generation devices. Research will emphasize developing high quality wave energy generation systems that are efficient, durable in hazardous ocean conditions, reliable and easily maintained.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations
Project Name: Walla Walla River Watershed OR and WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Attn: Rick George, Manager, PO Box 638, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: Walla Walla River Watershed located in Oregon and Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$295,000 for the Walla Walla River Watershed Investigations in Oregon and Washington. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to initiate the Preconstruction Engineering and Design phase of the Walla Walla River Basin project based on the findings and recommendations of a Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Project Name: Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, and Powder River Basin Water Opt. Feas. Study

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Powder Basin Water and Stream Health Committee, Attn: Peggy S. Browne—Coordinator, 1995 3rd Street, Baker City, OR 97814

Project Location: Baker and Union Counties, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$145,000 for the Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, and Powder River Basin Water Optimization and Feasibility Study. Powder Basin

Water and Stream Health Committee has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be spent on a feasibility study for the project to address the socio-economic, cultural, and environmental criteria of specific water storage sites in the Powder Basin. Funding authorization for this project "appropriated such sums as are necessary" in the Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, and Powder River Basin Water Optimization Feasibility Study Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-237). The project will ultimately benefit fish and aquatic ecosystems, wildlife and terrestrial ecosystems, agriculture, energy and municipalities in the Powder River Basin.

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Project Name: Deschutes Project (Water conservation)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Deschutes Basin Board of Control, Attn: Steve Johnson, Chairman, 1055 SW Lake Court, Redmond, OR 97756

Project Location: Deschutes Basin, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$350,000 for Water Conservation in the Deschutes Project. Deschutes Basin Board of Control has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the Deschutes Basin Board of Control, which consists of the seven primary irrigation districts in Central Oregon, to pursue water conservation, piping, lining and efficiency projects that will improve irrigation efficiencies, and result in increased in-stream flows benefiting federally listed steelhead and bull trout in the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers and their tributaries.

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Project Name: Savage Rapids Dam Removal

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Grants Pass Irrigation District, Attn: Dan Shepard, Manager, 200 Fruitdale Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97527

Project Location: Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River in Oregon.

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$3 million to the Bureau of Reclamation for the Savage Rapids Dam Removal project. Grants Pass Irrigation District has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to finalize construction of the Savage Rapids Pumping Plant located in the Rogue River Basin in Oregon, authorized by P.L. 108-137.

Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Oregon, 203 Johnson Hall, Eugene, OR 97403

Description of Project: The University of Oregon confirms that this funding will be used for the University of Oregon Integrative Science Complex Phase II. This funding will be used for systems (e.g. oversize freight elevator, crane system, and/or connections to adjacent buildings) to ensure delivery of major scientific equipment to all levels of the building. In order to carry out the previously stated objectives, the University of Oregon has provided the following budget and funding breakdown for the \$100,000 provided for the project in H.R. 1105: to build a permanent crane system to move high tech instrumentation between laboratories (budget is based on a crane system

servicing five levels)—\$45,000 for a crane and hoist, \$40,000 for gates/landings on 4 levels, and \$15,000 for design, permits, etc.

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Transportation, 355 Capitol Street NE, Room 135, Salem, OR 97301

Description of Project: The Oregon Department of Transportation confirms that it will use this funding to provide a separate lane for trucks to climb the Three Mile Hill section of I-84 near the City of Ontario in Malheur County, Oregon. In order to carry out the previously stated objective, the Oregon Department of Transportation has provided the following budget and funding breakdown for the \$475,000 provided for the project in H.R. 1105: the \$475,000 will supplement the funding currently dedicated to the project and complete the funding necessary to build the truck lane.

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deschutes County, Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: Deschutes County, Oregon, 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, Oregon 97702

Description of Project: Deschutes County, Oregon confirms that it will use this funding for the 19th Street Extension from Redmond to Deschutes Junction. This funding will be used to construct six miles of new road to provide improved access to the Redmond Airport, Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, and the rapidly growing southeast side of Redmond. In order to carry out the previously stated objectives, Deschutes County has provided the following budget and funding breakdown for the \$570,000 provided for the project in H.R. 1105: \$570,000 for preliminary engineering and possibly right of way acquisition.

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Transportation, 355 Capitol Street NE, Room 135, Salem, OR 97301

Description of Project: The Oregon Department of Transportation confirms that it will use this funding for Highway 140 Freight Improvements. This will realign the intersection of Kirtland and Blackwell roads in Jackson County, Oregon so through traffic does not have to stop. In order to carry out the previously stated objectives, the Oregon Department of Transportation has provided the following budget and funding breakdown for the \$95,000 provided for the project in H.R. 1105: \$95,000 to complete the funding necessary to build the realignment.

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hermiston, Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: Attn: Mayor Robert E. Severson, City of Hermiston 180 NE 2nd Street, Hermiston, Oregon 97838

Description of Project: The City of Hermiston confirms that it will use this funding for the Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project's Eastern Oregon Regional University Center in Hermiston, Oregon, to construct a learning center to accommodate 500 students and provide them

courses in business, technology, science, nursing, and other allied health professions, education, and the liberal arts taught by faculty from Eastern Oregon University and Blue Mountain Community College. In order to carry out the previously stated objectives, the City of Hermiston has provided the following budget and funding breakdown for the \$142,500 provided for the project in H.R. 1105: \$142,500 will go towards construction of the learning center.

Account: Department of Education; Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oregon Institute of Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Institute of Technology, Attn: Michael Kirshner, Center for Health Professions, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Project Location: Klamath Falls, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$285,000 for the OIT Center for Health Professions Health Informatics Simulation Lab to purchase software and equipment to administer real-life training for clinical information management, electronic medical records storage/maintenance/use, picture archiving communication systems and laboratory information systems. Students will receive hands-on experience with sophisticated technology for careers in health professions. OIT has stated that all of the appropriated funds will go toward equipment purchase.

Account: Department of Education; Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Portland State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Portland State University, Attn: Dr. Lindsay Desrochers, VP of Finance and Administration, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97201

Project Location: Portland, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$333,000 for the establishment of the PSU Science Research and Teaching Center that will focus on ways to improve science education at the university and K-12 level and will be a site for continuing education programs for K-12 science teachers. PSU has stated that all of the appropriated funds will go toward lab and research equipment purchase.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Administration on Children and Families; Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deschutes County, Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: Deschutes County, Oregon, Attn: Hilary Saraceno, Director, Commission on Children and Families 1300 NW Wall St, Suite, 200, Bend, OR 97701

Project Location: Bend, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$238,000 to expand the reach of the Family Access Network to connect 4,250 additional children and their family members with support services including counseling, clothing and food assistance, medication, after-school programs and shelter. Deschutes County, Oregon has stated that the appropriated funds will go toward program administration and service coordinator salaries.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration; Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hood River County, Oregon

Address of Requesting Entity: Hood River County, Oregon, Attn: David Meriwether,

County Administrator, 601 State Street Hood River, OR 97031

Project Location: Cascade Locks, Oregon
Description of Project: H.R. 1105 appropriates \$143,000 for development of an integrated health care facility to provide basic medical, public health, mental health, dental and pharmaceutical services to the community of Cascade Locks, Oregon and adjacent community of Stevenson, Washington which currently have no such services. Health care services will be delivered through collaboration between Hood River County, Oregon and three non-profit health care providers. Hood River County, Oregon has stated that all of the appropriated funds will go towards making site improvements and utility upgrades to the property where the facility will be built.

THE CHILD HEALTHCARE CRISIS RELIEF ACT

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act. This legislation addresses the critical mental health needs of our children, and shortage of providers available to meet those needs.

In 1999, then Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher noted the crisis faced by our Nation's children who suffer from mental illness. According to this report, one out of every five children in America suffers from a diagnosable mental disorder, yet only one-third of them receive mental healthcare treatment. Part of the reason for this alarming statistic is that mental health services specific to children are in very short supply.

That is why today Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN and I are introducing the Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act. This is a bill designed to help alleviate the scarcity of mental health services for our Nation's youth by providing incentives for mental healthcare workers to specialize in the treatment of children and adolescents.

The Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act creates incentives to help recruit and retain child mental health professionals providing direct clinical care, and to improve, expand, or help create programs to train child mental health professionals by establishing:

Loan repayment and scholarships for child mental health and school-based service professionals to help pay back educational loans;

Grants to graduate schools to provide for internships and field placements in child mental health services;

Grants to help with pre-service and in-service training of paraprofessionals who work in clinical mental health settings for children; and

Grants to graduate schools to help develop and expand child and adolescent mental health programs.

This bill also allows for an increase in the number of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists under the Medicare Graduate Medical Education Program and extends the board eligibility period for residents and fellows from four years to six years.

The Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act is not only about providing incentives for health care