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Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority Mental Health for Seniors

Budget notes were included for both SB 5529 and HB 5030 (from the 2013 session), the budget bills for Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority, directing the agencies to submit a report to the 2015 Legislature on progress made in addressing recommendations contained in the 2013 Report on Seniors and People with Disabilities Mental Health and Addictions.

The Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities, and the Oregon Health Authority, Addictions and Mental Health, have worked collaboratively to provide better access to mental health and addiction services for seniors and people with disabilities. A variety of programs are included in the report, including some focused on increasing capacity and access to services, other focused on better coordination within the system, as well as training for both professional staff and caregivers.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.