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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: HB 2402 Relating to individuals who are homeless

Representative Rayfield: “HB 2402 appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for the 2017-19 biennium for deposit into the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund, which the bill establishes.

Moneys in the funds are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority to provide grants to state, regional, and local agencies to help individuals who are homeless pay for an official copy of their birth certificates. Individuals who are homeless often need this record to obtain an identification card in order to receive a job or fill prescription medicine. The bill requires OHA to establish a grant program to help individuals who are homeless cover the full or partial cost of obtaining their record of live birth. The bill directs OHA to distribute the grant funds to state, regional, and local agencies. The bill authorizes OHA to develop the criteria and the process for these agencies to apply for grants. It also has the authority to require grant recipients to report to OHA on their use of grant funding. OHA must begin issuing grants by July 1, 2018.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2402 and be reported out do pass.”