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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: SB 53 Relating to licensing fees paid to the Oregon Health Authority

Senator Winters: "SB 53 increases licensing fees of in-home care agencies and hospice programs. The bill establishes a tiered fee structure for in-home care agencies based upon the type of service provided and associated workload to the program. These revenues are used to pay for personal services and operating expenses for inspection, licensure, and compliance investigations. Licensing fees for in-home care agencies have not been changed since 2007, and hospice program licensing fees have not been changed since they were established in 2009.

The budget impact of these fee increases is included in Package 409 in the Oregon Health Authority budget, which increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$176,213 for these programs.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 53 be reported out do pass."