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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Re: SB 419 Relating to hospital charges

Senator Steiner Hayward: "SB 419 creates the Task Force on Health Care Cost Review, which is charged with studying the feasibility of establishing a hospital rate-setting process in Oregon, as modeled on the process used in Maryland. The task force will report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2018.

The Legislative Policy and Research Office is required to provide staff support to the task force, and the Legislative Branch budget should contain funds for staff support of interim committees and task forces. The fiscal impact to other agencies is minimal.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 419 be reported out do pass."