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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: HB 3261 Relating to health care provider incentives

Senator Steiner Hayward: “HB 3261 requires the Oregon Health Policy Board to conduct an assessment of the health care workforce needs in Oregon, and to report to the Legislature each year. It also charges the Board with evaluating the effectiveness of provider incentive programs. Based on those assessments, the Board will determine how to allocate moneys in the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund among various incentive and workforce training programs.

For the 2017-19 biennium, specific allocations from the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund are set out for specific incentive programs, as well as workforce training programs if funding is available. Based on current budgets and budget plans, the incentive programs will be funded at current service level, with \$3.2 million General Fund available at OHSU to fund their two programs for the first year, and \$13.8 million in the Oregon Health Authority. Up to \$1 million is allocated in the bill for administrative expenses, and that is anticipated to cover the costs of administering the programs and doing the evaluations.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 3261 be amended by the –A13 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”