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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Re: SB 944 Relating to behavioral health

Senator Winters: “SB 944 directs the Oregon Health Authority to contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit organization with the expertise to operate a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information about available placement settings for children and adolescent needing high acuity behavioral health services.

The call center will also implement processes for service providers to submit data that can be used to assess and monitor daily statewide capacity for providing high acuity behavioral health services to children and adolescents, as well as recording when the first contact with the call center took place and the appropriate place. The bill appropriates \$400,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for this purpose.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 944 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”