

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 18: Department of Human Services/Oregon Health Authority Home and Community-Based Services

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Knopp

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on home and community-based services and recommend including proposed budgetary changes, after further review and refinement, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided temporary enhanced federal funds for investments in Medicaid home and community-based services. The Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services worked with stakeholders to develop a plan for use of the funds. The spending plan, which has received partial federal approval, includes total spending of \$758 million for a variety of mostly one-time investments in program infrastructure and enhanced benefits to consumers, workers, and providers.

The report provided to the Human Services Subcommittee highlights progress OHA and DHS have made implementing the spending plan initiatives. The agencies are now requesting federal funds expenditure limitation totaling \$465.8 million and 105 positions to implement the balance of the plan.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.