

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 15: Oregon Health Authority Rebalance

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on the agency's 2021-23 financial status, with the understanding the Legislative Fiscal Office will develop recommendations on the agency's proposed budget rebalance adjustments for legislative action during the 2022 legislative session.

OHA's report describes various budget issues resulting in a total funds increase of \$1 billion, a General Fund decrease of \$20 million, and technical adjustments across agency programs. The total funds increase is mostly from adjustments to account for FEMA reimbursement and federal grant awards to support OHA's response to COVID-19. The General Fund savings is the net result of cost increases of \$27 million and savings of \$44 million. General Fund costs are primarily tied to the updated Oregon Health Plan caseload forecast and new positions for behavioral health metrics and accountability work, drug treatment and recovery services, and other new programs approved in 2021-23. General Fund savings are available from an increase in Oregon's federal Medicaid match and a forecasted change in tobacco tax revenue available for OHP.

A rebalance plan is expected to be finalized after further review and consideration of any subsequent requests made by the agency.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.