

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 14: Oregon Health Authority Postpartum and Citizenship Waived Medical Services**

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

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$2,400,746 General Fund and an increase of \$6,390,858 in the Federal Funds expenditure limitation to expand the duration of Medicaid postpartum coverage. The Subcommittee further recommends that the Committee defer action on a request to expand Medicaid coverage for Citizenship Waived Medical services to the 2022 legislative session.

Until recently, federal law required states to provide pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage through 60 days postpartum. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 gives states a new option to extend this coverage to 12 months for the purpose of improving maternal health and coverage stability. The Subcommittee recommends supporting OHA's proposal to make this change.

OHA also requested funding to expand emergency services under the Citizenship Waived Medical program. The Subcommittee recommends deferring action on this portion of the request to the 2022 session to allow for additional review of the estimated cost impact and operational aspects of the proposal.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.