SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 31: Business Development Department Rural Broadband Technical Adjustment

To: Emergency Board Full Committee From: Human Services Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Girod

The Human Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board establish an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$287,800 for the Oregon Business Development Department for the expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Funds for Rural Broadband.

The request is due to language in House Bill 5202 from 2022 that erroneously established Other Funds expenditure limitation from American Rescue Plan Act Funds instead of Coronavirus Relief Funds as was intended.

Approval of the request will allow the agency to account for expenditures of Coronavirus Relief Fund monies that were not completed in the prior biennium from the original \$10.0 million allocation of Coronavirus Relief Fund monies for the Rural Broadband Capacity Program that was made to the agency through Emergency Board action in June of 2020.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.