

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 18: Oregon Health Authority Well Water Drinking Quality**

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To:           Emergency Board Full Committee  
From:        Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier:     Senator Manning

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$881,987 General Fund from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the Oregon Health Authority to address excessive nitrate levels in well water used by households located in Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area.

Long-standing issues with groundwater nitrate levels in this region, which consists of the northern portions of Morrow and Umatilla counties, have not sufficiently improved and pose a health risk to households with contaminated well water. The General Fund allocation will support well water quality testing; the purchase of filtration systems for home water taps; county and OHA staffing costs; and outreach and education.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.