

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 21: Oregon Health Authority Oregon State Hospital Federal Audit Response

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$1,791,515 General Fund from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board and establish 20 permanent full-time positions for the Oregon Health Authority to respond to a federal audit of the Oregon State Hospital.

In May 2022, the federal government released an assessment of the Oregon State Hospital's compliance with federal regulations and found deficiencies related to patient safety and operational processes, which the hospital must resolve to maintain its certification with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The hospital's federally approved corrective action plan makes changes to hospital policies and procedures. It also increases the level of staff available to control contraband that can cause self-harm, enhances the supervision of patients, implements new incident reporting procedures, and improves quality assurance reporting. OHA estimates the cost of this work to total \$4.2 million General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.