

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 88: Department of Consumer and Business Services Oregon Reinsurance Program

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Wagner

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Consumer and Business Services by \$5 million for the Oregon Reinsurance Program.

The Oregon Reinsurance Program, established in 2018, makes health care claims payments to insurers to help pay for high-cost claims. This is intended to stabilize the individual market and encourage insurance companies to offer plans in more parts of the state. These payments are funded largely with Federal Funds. Due to the Federal American Rescue Plan, passed in 2021, the Oregon Reinsurance Program is receiving a temporary increase in revenue of approximately \$24 million. DCBS is able to utilize \$5 million of this increase in the current biennium and plans to spread the remaining funding into future years.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.