

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5019

Long Term Care Ombudsman

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

HB 5019 is the budget bill for the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

The mission of the agency is to protect individual rights, promote independence, and ensure quality of life for Oregonians living in long term care and residential facilities and for Oregonians with decisional limitations.

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$11.8 million total funds for the Ombudsman, with 36 positions and 35.50 FTE. This budget includes an increase of \$1.6 million General Fund and six positions to expand statewide access to public guardian and conservator services. With these additional resources, the number of vulnerable Oregonians served by the Public Guardian will more than double (going from 85 to more than 170 vulnerable seniors). The budget also includes a small amount of funds to reclassify certain positions. The agency's Key Performance Measures and targets were approved.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 5019 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.