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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Human Services

Measure: HB4011

I oppose this bill. The Oregon Health Authority has a 2.9 Billion Dollar Budget which way above what is necessary. Use what you have. We do not need any more programs. I oppose taking \$250,000 from General Fund to provide loan repayment subsidies to qualified mental health associates serving children in child-caring agencies.

I oppose appropriations from General Fund, \$90,000 to Bureau of Labor and Industries and \$60,000 to Oregon Health Authority and \$90,000 to Department of Human Services for apprenticeship program. Appropriates \$250,000 from General Fund to Department of Human Services for program administration.

Mental health care providers report that the covid surge and mandates have negatively impacted their workforce. Clinics are hit with vacancies and new modernized health practices and technology. Taxpayers SHOULD NOT fund replacement staff that left because of illegal mandates?