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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: SB 1554 – Relating to public health preparedness
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1554 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with an independent third-party consultant to study the state's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant is required to do this work in partnership with urban, rural, frontier, small, and large counties. The measure requires three different reports on the findings, with recommendations for improving the state's public health system consistent with specific criteria defined in the bill. The final report is due September 1, 2023.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$899,573 in 2021-23 and \$99,952 in 2023-25. The -1 amendment appropriates General Fund to OHA to support the fiscal impact in 2021-23.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Health Care Committee on 2/2/22 and 2/7/22 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Recommended Changes

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends adoption of the -1 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1554, as amended by the -1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____