

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 14: Oregon Health Authority Rebalance**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Campos

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of the Oregon Health Authority's budget rebalance report, with the understanding the Legislative Fiscal Office will develop recommendations for budgetary changes to be included in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session.

The rebalance report submitted by the Oregon Health Authority includes requested budgetary adjustments resulting in a \$72.8 million reduction in General Fund, a \$3.8 million increase in total funding, and the establishment of 55 positions.

Caseload and revenue forecasts, including updates to federal Medicaid match rates, Medicaid caseloads, tobacco tax and tobacco master settlement agreement revenues, and marijuana tax revenues are anticipated to produce General Fund savings of \$73.2 million and reduced Federal Funds of \$225.8 million.

Significant program changes or expansions that include adjustments to the current Medicare waiver implementation, the basic health plan, and expansion of Medicaid benefits to incarcerated individuals result in a slight reduction in General Fund expenditures, but increase overall expenditures by \$232.3 million and eliminate 11 positions.

The rebalance proposes 97 individual technical adjustments, moving authorized funding and position authority between and within budgetary units with no net change to total funding or positions. Increased expenditure limitation of \$31.2 million Federal Funds and \$110,000 Other Funds is proposed in the Public Health Division for federal grant awards in the current biennium. A total of 57 positions are requested for the administration and implementation of the federally funded activities.

Other requested changes primarily deal with increased position authority and expenditure limitation for unanticipated additional federal funds support for certain programs.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.