

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 17: Department of Human Services Home and Community Based Services**

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

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on home and community based services spending, with instruction for the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, to submit a follow-up report for consideration during the 2024 legislative session that identifies program outcomes to demonstrate how the spending plan has improved the service delivery system.

The American Rescue Plan Act provided states a temporary 10% increase in federal match to strengthen home and community based services. In Oregon, the increased match generated \$305.7 million in General Funds savings, which the federal law requires to be re-invested in these services by March 31, 2025. A budget note directed the Department of Human Services to provide a report on the status and outcomes of the agency's spending plan.

The agency expects to fully expend these funds by the federal deadline; however, the agency's report does not include substantive information on program outcomes. The follow-up report will provide additional time to identify and report on this information and explain how the spending plan has improved the delivery system for home and community based services in Oregon.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.