

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 18: Department of Human Services / Oregon Health Authority Office of Financial Services Positions**

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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 recommend appropriating \$294,877 General Fund, increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$702,814, increasing Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$172,531, and authorizing the establishment of six positions (3.00 FTE) for the Department of Human Services; and appropriating \$181,398 General Fund, increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$25,574, increasing Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$43,846 for the Oregon Health Authority, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session, to provide staffing support for the Department of Human Services, Office of Financial Services.

The additional staffing need results from legislation adopted in the 2023 session and ongoing agency initiatives, particularly the expansion of Medicaid funded services under the current demonstration waiver, that have increased the volume and complexity of work undertaken by the Office of Financial Services. The increased workload is the cumulative impact of multiple bills. The fiscal impact statements of these measures often acknowledge the increased administrative burden on the agencies, but do not always provide specific budgetary resources due to the small incremental impact of any single bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.