

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 13: Oregon Health Authority Jail Diversion Programs

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

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on the Oregon Health Authority's Jail Diversion program and the Improving People's Access to Community-Based Treatment, Supports, and Services grant program administered by the Criminal Justice Commission.

The report included overviews of the budgets and funding structures for both programs, but the recommendations were limited to the existing programs and did not address or identify additional opportunities for supporting community-based efforts to help individuals with behavioral health and substance use disorder challenges stay out of the criminal justice system.

The Jail Diversion program exists only as defined in the provisions of the County Financial Assistance Agreements between the Health Authority and county governments. Program operation and outcomes are up to individual counties.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.