

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 16: Oregon Health Authority Disproportionate Share Hospital Entitlement**

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To: Emergency Board  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Owens

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The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon Health Authority to increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for Disproportionate Share Hospital Entitlement program funds.

The program is authorized and administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and provides an annual funding allotment intended to offset a portion of the losses that hospitals incur resulting from providing uncompensated care to uninsured individuals and Medicaid patients.

Available program funding in the current biennium exceeds the budgeted Federal Funds expenditure authority for the Oregon State Hospital.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Hospital, by \$10,521,856 for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Entitlement program.