

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 17: Oregon Health Authority Behavioral Health Workforce Training

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

The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon Health Authority to allocate a special purpose appropriation for behavioral health workforce training.

The Oregon Health Authority has requested that the Emergency Board allocate \$4.7 million General Fund from a special purpose appropriation for the United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program. The program is intended to leverage federal Medicaid assistance funding to support behavioral health apprenticeships, training, and education programs.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$4,700,000 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for payments to employers of behavioral health care providers to the Oregon Health Authority for behavioral health workforce training.