

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 47: Oregon State Board of Nursing Nursing Advancement Fund and Administrative Costs

To: Emergency Board
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon State Board of Nursing to increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for increased legal costs, contract services, and pass-through distributions to the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund.

The Board has approximately \$300,000 of increased legal services costs related to its review and update of policies, procedures, and administrative rules. Additionally, the Board recently entered into a new contract for Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medical Assistants testing services, which combined with an overall increase in applications, is projected to cost an additional \$165,000 in the current biennium. The Board has sufficient cash balance to cover the increased expenditures.

Finally, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse application fees include a \$9 surcharge that is transferred to the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund, and due to an increase in applications, the Board estimates an additional \$135,000 will be passed through the Fund.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon State Board of Nursing, by \$600,000, for the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund and administrative costs.