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Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Committee Q&A follow-up

Dear Co-Chair Campos and Co-Chair Valderrama,

On February 6, 2023, the subcommittee asked specific questions regarding redeterminations and FEMA reimbursement. ODHS is providing additional detail from the hearing.

1. Where are we with reaching the numbers needed for redeterminations?

The Governor Recommended Budget recommended Package 142 to support eligibility work, totaling 300 positions (300.000 FTE) to provide staffing capacity to allow ODHS to perform eligibility work for statewide programs. These positions will support the increased workload associated with the ending of the public health emergency. The intent of the proposed funding is to clear nonbudgeted eligibility-related positions because these positions are current ODHS workers who are already performing eligibility work for ODHS. The Oregon Eligibility Partnership (OEP) will provide a program overview later this week with more details about staffing.

2. How much money are we receiving from FEMA?

As of today, ODHS has several outstanding FEMA Reimbursements that are currently in development (dollar numbers are still in process of being finalized), we cannot provide any dollar amounts except allowed claims below that are pending review, until final applications are submitted and obligated by

FEMA. However, below are the outstanding (and what we have received to date) FEMA Reimbursements that have already been obligated by FEMA and we are just waiting for ODEM to review them before clearing the payment to ODHS:

- COVID-19: \$9.8M – Pending Review by ODEM (Please note, we have received from FEMA \$144M throughout AY21 and 23).
- Wildfires: \$0.3M – Pending Review by ODEM (Please note, we have received from FEMA \$3.1M throughout AY21 and 23).

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Kodiriy at Rob.Kodiriy@dhsosha.state.or.us.