

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Oregon Health Authority Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

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On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response in the amount of \$5,000,000 to bolster existing Medical Reserve Corps operations throughout Oregon and expand to include an additional five teams.

Medical Reserve Corps, or MRCs, are composed of a national network of volunteers organized into local community-based groups committed to improving local emergency response. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. These teams reduce reliance on state public health operations and were proven effective when standing up testing and vaccination events serving those most at risk Oregonians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If awarded, the grant is for two years at up to \$2.5 million per year with the first award anticipated on June 1, 2023. OHA is not anticipating the need for any positions and no state match is required.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.