

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Appropriations

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

On February 7, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Oregon Health Authority on the progress of separating the Health Systems Program appropriation into Medicaid and Non-Medicaid appropriations for the formation of the 2025-27 budget.

The Legislature directed the agency via budget note in the agency's primary budget bill for the 2023-25 biennium to take steps to separate the Health Systems Division appropriation into Medicaid and Non-Medicaid appropriations in the building of the 2025-27 budget.

The agency has stated that it will undertake a reorganization as of April 1, 2024, to divide the current Health Services Division into two distinct divisions: the Behavioral Health Program and the Medicaid Program. Although not overtly stated in the written report, it is implied that the budget proposal for the 2025-27 biennium will reflect the updated structure.

An example timeline was also provided as an attachment to the report that outlined the technical work that would be required to support the operational and budgetary change.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.