

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 1557**

#### **Relating to services to individuals who are under 21 years of age**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

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SB 1557 includes several provisions requiring the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Human Services to take actions to ensure children and youth have access to services to which they are entitled under the Medicaid state plan relating to the Community First Choice Option.

The Health Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, is directed to investigate the services and supports provided through the Community First Choice Option and report its findings to the Legislature.

OHA and the Department of Education are to develop strategies and recommendations to leverage federal Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program funds, providing a report to the Legislature on those strategies and recommendations. The measure prohibits denying a child or youth access to mental health assessment, treatment, or services due to a co-occurring intellectual or developmental disability.

The measure appropriates \$505,432 General Fund and includes Federal Funds expenditure limitation to support the fiscal impact. OHA will contract with a vendor for completion of the required reporting and establish a limited duration position to review and revise administrative rules and coordinate with the vendor. DHS will establish two positions to perform cross-agency coordination, assess existing child welfare program

infrastructure, and design and implement program changes that do not require legislative or budgetary authority.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1557 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.