

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Oregon Health Authority Behavioral Health Facilities**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Campos

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On February 6th, the Human Services Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Health Authority on investments made to increase behavioral health facility capacity in Oregon.

The report discusses five pieces of legislation passed between the 2021 and 2024 sessions that provided a total of \$313 million to the agency for various behavioral health facility investments. As of the date of the report, funded projects that are either underway or have been completed have supported the addition of 1,354 beds in residential treatment homes and facilities, including secure facilities and substance use disorder facilities, and transitional and recovery housing. Funding also supported an additional 355 units of supportive housing and 34 crisis and day services chairs.

Although the report summarizes the specific capacity increases in various types of facilities, it does not clearly define what the added capacity means in relationship to the behavioral health capacity needs, specifically the facility needs identified in the 2024 Behavioral Health Residential Plus Facility Study. No detail was provided on the geographic distribution of the investments, the impacts to the behavioral health system, or the individual projects and organizations that received funding,

so it is unclear what the distribution of funding was between various organizations and facilities.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.