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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 10, 2025
Subject: HB 2024 – Relating to the behavioral health workforce.
Work Session Recommendations

The measure creates new provisions creating a grant program to foster the recruitment and retention of behavioral health care providers. The measure amends statute related to the United We Heal Medical Payment Program and behavioral health worker safety.

The measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award grants to behavioral health care entities for the recruitment and retention of behavioral health care providers. Additionally, the measure appropriates \$1 million General Fund for the United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program and expands the program's scope. The LFO recommended amendments adjust appropriation levels in the bill to account for the assumed administrative costs associated with carrying out the provisions of the bill.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A6 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A6 amendment to HB 2024 *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2024, as amended by the –A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2024, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: