## **Senator Beyer**

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## SB 5520 Long Term Care Ombudsman

SB 5520 is the budget bill for the Long Term Care Ombudsman. The agency recruits and trains local volunteers to help it identify, investigate, and resolve non-abuse complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents in care facilities. It is also responsible for providing public guardian and conservator services to individuals who do not have relatives or friends willing or able to assume those duties.

The Human Services Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$8.1 million, including \$7.2 million General Fund and 26.50 full-time equivalent positions. The budget is a 10.4% increase from the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget and includes the roll up costs for two positions in the Oregon Public Guardian program that were approved during the 2018 session.

The key performance measures approved by the Subcommittee include two new measures for the public guardian program.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5520 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.