

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 526

Relating to home visiting

SB 526 requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a voluntary universal nurse home visiting program to support child development and strengthen families. The home visiting services would be available to all families in Oregon with newborns and offer at least one visit during the newborn's first three months. The bill also requires health benefit plans to reimburse the cost of these services without cost-sharing for families who choose to receive them. The estimated fiscal impact for OHA to establish the program is \$1.6 million, of which \$1.4 million is General Fund.

The recommended amendment removes a blank General Fund appropriation. If approved, funding to support the measure will be included in OHA's 2019-21 budget bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 526 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.