

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**SB 889**

**Relating to containing the cost of health care**

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SB 889 creates the Health Care Cost Growth Benchmark program to ensure statewide health care costs grow at a sustainable level. To achieve this, the program is responsible for establishing a benchmark for the annual rate of growth of health care expenditures across all payers and providers in Oregon. The bill also creates an implementation committee to design the benchmark program and make recommendations to the Legislature.

The Subcommittee recommended changes to the bill to make technical adjustments and clarify that the benchmark program will be administered by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Subcommittee's recommendation also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$993,797 in OHA to support the costs of the program.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 889 be amended by the -4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.