

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Health Related Licensing Boards Budget Note Report**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Frederick

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On February 2, the Education Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Health Related Licensing Boards, on maintaining independence versus being consolidated.

The 2021-23 Governor's Budget recommended that the Health Related Licensing Boards be transferred to the Oregon Health Authority's Health Licensing Office during the 2021-23 biennium. The transfer was not approved by the Legislature during the 2021 legislative session, and the Health Related Licensing Boards were instead asked to return to the 2022 legislative session with additional information about the potential transfer, pursuant to a budget note.

The report submitted by the Health Related Licensing Boards advocated for the Boards to remain independent. Among other reasons given for the Boards to remain independent, the Boards noted shared administrative functions and institutional knowledge, as well as possible legal costs and costs for early termination of an IT contract if the Boards did transfer to the Health Licensing Office.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.