

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Oregon Health Authority 988 Local Capacity**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Lieber

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On February 2nd, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$2.1 million over two years for building 988 crisis center capacity.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act established 988 as the new three-digit number to route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. To prepare for the roll-out of 988 in July 2022, the grant provides funding for states and territories to recruit, hire, and train local crisis center staff, and support related activities to build local capacity. Grantees must also support the collection and reporting of 988-related emergency data and develop a plan to respond to lifeline chat and text requests.

OHA will support this work through contracts with local lifeline crisis centers. The agency will also establish a new position for contract administration, program evaluation, and federal reporting. The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.