

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 5503**

#### **Oregon Commission for the Blind**

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

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SB 5503 is the budget bill for the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

The Oregon Commission for the Blind assists blind and visually impaired Oregonians to achieve full inclusion and integration in society through employment, independent living, and social self-sufficiency.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends a 2023-25 budget of \$6,881,100 General Fund, \$1,135,397 Other Funds and \$18,817,476 Federal Funds or \$26,833,973 total funds and 66 positions (66.00 FTE). The recommended budget is a 7.9% increase over the legislatively approved budget. Included in the budget is an LFO package that:

- Reclasses 10 positions currently working out of class.
- Replaces 25% vocational rehab funding with General Fund for seven rehabilitation instructor positions making these positions fully dedicated to Independent Living activities.
- Funds the Summer Work Experience program and provides required funds to meet federal match requirements.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5503 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.