

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5525 Oregon Health Authority

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

SB 5525 is the budget bill for Oregon Health Authority. The Human Services Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$35.2 billion total funds, which includes \$5.6 billion General Fund and supports 5,594 positions.

The budget maintains benefits for Oregon Health Plan enrollees and funds annual health care inflation at 3.4%. Several General Fund investments of note include:

- \$110.2 million funds Medicaid eligibility redeterminations and a temporary expansion within the Oregon Health Plan in anticipation of a new Basic Health Plan in July 2024.
- \$138.5 million for the Medicaid Waiver primarily related to continuous enrollment, while also including the coverage of social determinates of health that exclusively utilize federal funds until 2027.
- \$462 million completes implementation of the Healthier Oregon Program providing coverage to Oregonians regardless of citizenship status.
- The budget also makes significant behavioral health investments, including:
 - \$39.6 million for the 9-8-8 behavioral health crisis system
 - \$146 million for behavioral health rate increases
 - \$30 million in investments to local communities and the Oregon State Hospital to address challenges with aid-and-assist patients, expand transitional case management, and to assist with the care of those civilly committed

- \$15 million for the construction of new substance use disorder bed capacity
- \$9.1 million to address healthcare workforce challenges

The Subcommittee also adopted changes to over 20 KPMs and budget notes providing instructions to the agency on the allocation of inflation and asked for reporting on investments ranging from behavioral health capacity, Measure 110 investments, and the Basic Health Plan.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5525 be amended by the -3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.