

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 3396 Relating to health care**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Smith

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House Bill 3396 establishes the 22-member Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge Challenge. The Task Force is responsible for developing recommendations to address the challenges faced by hospitals in discharging patients to appropriate post-acute care settings, including long-term care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies. The recommendations may include ways to streamline and reduce barriers to training, education, licensure and certification for all classifications of nurses and nursing assistants for work in post-acute care settings. LPRO is required to provide staffing to the Task Force. The measure allows LPRO to contract with third parties to support the work of the Task Force and provides \$500,000 General Fund for this purpose.

The measure also extends existing contracts between the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and a coordinated care organization to December 31, 2026.

In addition, the measure appropriates, on a one-time basis, a total of \$26.5 million General Fund to OHA to administer three grant programs:

- The first program provides \$15 million to support clinical education at hospitals and health care facilities
- The second program provides \$5 million to award grants to employers participating in a labor-management trust to increase on-the-job training, apprenticeship opportunities, and other programs that support the development of health care

professionals, including medical technicians, certified nursing assistants, and phlebotomists.

- And the third program provides \$5 million to the Oregon Center for Nursing to develop programs to recruit and retain nurse educators at public institutions of higher education.

OHA is expected to determine if federal funding match is available to leverage this investment. If it is found that federal funding is available, OHA will request limitation at a future rebalance.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 3396 be amended by the -5 amendment and be reported out do pass.