

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 4129 Relating to in-home service providers**

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

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HB 4129 requires the Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority to contract with up to two entities, by January 1, 2026, to provide agency with choice in-home services to older adults, individuals with physical disabilities, and individuals with behavioral health needs. Agency with choice providers will receive reimbursement from DHS and OHA for the cost of providing in-home services, including reimbursement for direct support worker wages and benefits, and administrative costs.

In the current biennium, 15 permanent positions (6.65 FTE) will be needed to develop the state infrastructure and rules governing this new service option, including nine positions at DHS and six positions at OHA. The -A10 amendment includes \$1.4 million General Fund and \$1.5 million Federal Funds to support these positions.

In 2025-27, when the contract agencies begin to provide in-home services, the current estimated cost is \$54 million General Fund and \$98 million Federal Funds. These figures will change based on the actual number of individuals who opt into agency with choice services, how quickly the caseload grows, and actual administrative costs.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 4129 be amended by the –A10 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.