

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5023

Board of Nursing

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

HB 5023 is the budget bill for the Oregon State Board of Nursing. The Board interprets and enforces the Oregon Nurse Practice Act, evaluates education and training programs, and issues licenses and endorsements.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$30,712,190 Other Funds and 64 positions (63.90 FTE). This represents a 15.7% increase from the 2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget includes the establishment of four positions to manage increasing investigations workload and the reclassification of five positions to align with actual duties.

Additionally, the budget assumes fee increases for registered nurses and advanced practice nurses by \$100 and increases fees for licensed practical nurses by \$30. With these fee increases, the recommended budget is projected to leave the Board with a 2025-27 ending balance of \$12,027,195 Other Funds, the equivalent of nine months of operating reserves.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 5023 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.