

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5003

Commission for the Blind

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

HB 5003 is the budget bill for Oregon Commission for the Blind. The Commission provides services to Oregonians who experience vision loss and need specialized training and support to live full and productive lives.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$32.8 million total funds, which is comprised of \$9.5 million General Fund, \$1.1 million Other Funds, and \$21.9 million Federal Funds and 67 positions (67.00 FTE).

This budget is a 2.6% increase from the current service level and includes two policy option packages that total \$613,136 General Fund and increase Federal Fund expenditure limitation by \$230,286. The first package reclassifies 19 positions to better reflect their duties following a position review conducted by the Department of Administrative Services. The second package is a technical fix to incorporate two position reclassifications and a fund shift that were approved by the Legislature during the 2024 legislative session but were excluded from the current service level budget in error.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 5003 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.