

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **SB 537**

### **Relating to violence in health care settings**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Campos

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SB 537 introduces new safety requirements for health care employers to strengthen workplace violence prevention and response efforts.

The measure requires health care employers to collaborate with their workplace safety committees when developing a comprehensive safety program and while conducting security and safety assessments. Workplace violence protection programs are also required to include specific details.

Additionally, the measure requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish how workplace violence is investigated, documented, and reported and report annually to the legislature regarding workplace assaults and recommendations. The measure also creates additional safety requirements for facilities and requirements of home health care employers.

The amendment includes an increase of \$394,554 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to ensure health care facilities comply with state and federal building and safety requirements under provisions of the bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 537 be amended by the –A9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.