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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**From:** Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office  
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**Date:** June 22, 2015

**Subject:** SB 226 - Relating to programs administered by the Department of Human Services  
Work Session Recommendation

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Senate Bill 226 requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to operate three regional, mobile crisis teams to serve persons who reside in residential group homes. The bill also creates a Task Force on Client and Staff Safety staffed by DHS.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee on March 31, and April 9, 16, and 21. Measure-related materials are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The fiscal impact of the bill's provisions around crisis teams has already been built into the DHS budget within the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities program; the statutory changes are not necessary to implement those teams in the Stabilization and Crisis Unit program.

The fiscal impact for the task force is indeterminate and dependent on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members; no funds are included in the bill or the agency's budget for this specific purpose. DHS will monitor the workload created by the bill and seek additional resources if that workload proves to be unmanageable.

## **Amendment**

The proposed -A8 amendment removes language around crisis teams, retaining the task force and changing the task force reporting date from September 2015 to September 2016.

**Motion: I move the -A8 amendment to SB 226.**

## **Measure as Modified**

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

**Motion: I move SB 226 to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.**

Assignment of Carriers

Full: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 226 - A8

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

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Date: 6/16/2015

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### **Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to operate three regional crisis outreach and assessment teams to serve residents of Stabilization and Crisis Units.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

### **Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

### **Analysis:**

House Bill 226 with the – A8 amendment establishes the 17-member Task Force on Client and Staff Safety charged with recommending measures to improve the safety and success of Stabilization and Crisis Units in Oregon. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim committee by September 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

### Department of Human Services (DHS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS is indeterminate. The bill requires DHS to provide staff support to the task force, and reimburse the non-Legislative members of the task force for travel and other expenses incurred in their performance of task force duties out of funds appropriated to DHS for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to DHS, which would seem to suggest that expenses for reimbursement and staff support are intended to come from its Legislatively Approved Budget, which does not contemplate expenditures specifically for this purpose. The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or a majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members.

### Legislative Assembly

Two members of the task force will be Legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Although the 2015-17 Legislative Branch budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2015-17 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

### Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OHA is minimal. The bill requires OHA to appoint a representative to the task force. OHA anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to operate three regional, mobile crisis teams to serve persons who reside in residential group homes. Describes minimum team duties. Dedicates one vehicle per team. Creates Task Force on Client and Staff Safety staffed by DHS. Specifies composition, formalities, and duties of task force. Requires report to legislature by September 15, 2015. Sunsets task force December 31, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Removes mobile crisis teams.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) within the Department of Human Services, provides for the most acute, medically and behaviorally challenged individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities when counties and private providers cannot meet their needs. This population includes persons discharged from the Oregon State Hospital or released from incarceration. SACU consists of twenty-three residential homes along the I-5 corridor from Portland to Eugene, with a current capacity of 108 individuals (98 adults and 10 children). Adequate supports are critical for people in community-based settings, to relieve inappropriate reliance on emergency rooms and public safety systems, and to ensure the proper treatment response to persons in crisis.

Senate Bill 226 creates three regional, mobile crisis teams to respond to persons who reside in residential group homes, and a Task Force on Client and Staff Safety, staffed by the Department of Human Services, to evaluate safety concerns and make recommendations to the legislature.

SB 226-A8  
(LC 469)  
6/17/15 (LHF/ps)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 226**

- 1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 5 through 23.
- 2 In line 24, delete “2” and insert “1”.
- 3 On page 3, line 9, delete “2015” and insert “2016”.
- 4 In line 21, delete “3” and insert “2” and delete “2” and insert “1”.
- 5 In line 22, delete “4” and insert “3”.

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