

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 226**

1 Delete lines 5 through 8 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall operate**
3 **three regional crisis outreach and assessment teams to serve individ-**
4 **uals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have severe**
5 **behavioral support needs and reside in group homes where state em-**
6 **ployees provide 24-hour residential care.**

7 **“(2) The duties of each regional crisis outreach and assessment**
8 **team include, but are not limited to:**

9 **“(a) Responding to requests from homes for assistance in stabilizing**
10 **a resident who is exhibiting behavior that threatens the health or**
11 **safety of the resident, other residents or staff;**

12 **“(b) Providing additional staffing support, training and education**
13 **to the homes;**

14 **“(c) Debriefing the staff of the homes following an incident that**
15 **required intervention by the team;**

16 **“(d) Deploying staff to homes that are experiencing staff shortages;**

17 **“(e) Conducting outreach, assessment and consultation to agencies**
18 **that refer residents to the homes; and**

19 **“(f) Advocating for residents and educating law enforcement and**
20 **corrections personnel, the Psychiatric Security Review Board and dis-**
21 **trict attorneys about the needs of residents.**

22 **“(3) Each regional crisis outreach and assessment team shall have**

1 a dedicated state vehicle to allow the team to respond to crises im-
2 mediately.

3 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Task Force on Client and Staff Safety is es-
4 tablished, consisting of 17 members appointed as follows:**

5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from
6 among members of the Senate.**

7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
8 member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

9 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

10 **“(A) Two individuals representing labor organizations that repre-
11 sent employees of Stabilization and Crisis Units;**

12 **“(B) Three individuals who are employed by Stabilization and Crisis
13 Units, each representing a different geographic region;**

14 **“(C) One individual representing the Oregon Health Authority who
15 has expertise in providing mental health services to individuals who
16 have dual diagnoses of mental illness and intellectual or develop-
17 mental disabilities;**

18 **“(D) One individual representing the residents of a Stabilization and
19 Crisis Unit or family members of the residents;**

20 **“(E) One individual from the system described in ORS 192.517;**

21 **“(F) One individual from the Oregon Council on Developmental
22 Disabilities;**

23 **“(G) One individual representing private group home provider
24 agencies that serve residents who have made a transition to group
25 homes from Stabilization and Crisis Units;**

26 **“(H) One individual representing community developmental disa-
27 bilities programs that have worked with Stabilization and Crisis Units
28 to transition residents to community-based care;**

29 **“(I) One individual from the Oregon Technical Assistance Corpo-
30 ration who has expertise in positive behavioral supports and staff**

1 **training;**

2 **“(J) One individual with significant experience working with indi-**
3 **viduals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and have**
4 **been involved in the criminal justice system;**

5 **“(K) The director of the developmental disabilities program within**
6 **the Department of Human Services; and**

7 **“(L) The director of the Stabilization and Crisis Units.**

8 **“(2) The task force shall recommend measures to improve the**
9 **safety and success of Stabilization and Crisis Units in this state.**

10 **“(3) The task force shall consider and make recommendations for:**

11 **“(a) Ensuring the dignity and self-determination of each resident**
12 **in a Stabilization and Crisis Unit;**

13 **“(b) Improving the safety of staff employed by a Stabilization and**
14 **Crisis Unit;**

15 **“(c) Improving the training and support for staff;**

16 **“(d) Staffing levels;**

17 **“(e) Reducing incidents of aggressive and assaultive behavior by**
18 **residents;**

19 **“(f) Reducing the need for staff to work overtime;**

20 **“(g) Improving access to appropriate mental health supports and**
21 **intervention methods; and**

22 **“(h) Ensuring the timely transition of residents in Stabilization and**
23 **Crisis Units when ready to be placed with a residential service provider**
24 **in the community, including recommendations for building capacity**
25 **in community-based care settings.**

26 **“(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**
27 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

28 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
29 **majority of the members of the task force.**

30 **“(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**

1 **chairperson.**

2 **“(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
3 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

4 **“(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
5 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task**
6 **force.**

7 **“(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
8 **the task force.**

9 **“(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
10 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
11 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to human**
12 **services as appropriate no later than September 15, 2015.**

13 **“(11) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support**
14 **to the task force.**

15 **“(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-**
16 **islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-**
17 **bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by**
18 **them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**
19 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in**
20 **performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-**
21 **propriated to Department of Human Services for purposes of the task**
22 **force.**

23 **“(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**
24 **are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties**
25 **and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to**
26 **furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
27 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

28 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,**
29 **2016.”.**

30 In line 9, delete “2” and insert “4”.

