

HB 2417 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes program to provide 50 percent matching grants to cities or counties to fund mobile crisis intervention team programs. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer program. Defines mobile crisis intervention team and responses. Establishes staff qualification requirements for a crisis worker position. Requires city or county applying for grant to have at least one sobering facility, one shelter facility for every 65,000 residents, one crisis respite center, and local law enforcement willing to engage in the effort. Allows city or county that does not meet requirements to qualify for up to \$300,000 establish said services or address other needs for behavioral health services. Directs Oregon Health Authority to seek Medicaid waiver or any other form of approval necessary to secure federal financial participation in costs of providing grants or operating mobile crisis intervention teams. Appropriates \$10 million in General Fund money in addition to any other funds to DHS to provide grants and fund one full-time equivalent position for City of Eugene to provide support for city's mobile crisis intervention team. Declares emergency, effective July 21, 2021.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile crisis intervention teams are defined in OAR 309-019-0150 as crisis services that are open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and provide screening to determine the need for immediate services for any individual requesting assistance or for whom assistance is requested. They provide a face-to-face therapeutic response delivered in a public setting at locations in the community where the crisis arises. Additionally, they offer mental health crisis screening, crisis intervention, assistance with placement, assistance to families and families of choice in managing suicide risk among others, initiation of involuntary services if applicable, assistance with hospital placement and, connecting individuals with ongoing supports and service.

House Bill 2417 establishes a program to provide 50 percent matching grants to cities or counties to fund mobile crisis intervention team programs and Directs the Department of Human Services to administer the program.