

HB 2417 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 04/05/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Lively, Moore-Green, Morgan, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to cities or funding to county community mental health programs to fund mobile crisis intervention teams and other specified programs. Appropriates \$10 million in General Fund money to OHA to provide grants and funding for mobile crisis intervention teams and fund one full-time position at the White Bird Clinic in the City of Eugene. Directs OHA to convene a work group to study and evaluate methods for continuing to fund mobile crisis intervention teams and other specified services. Requires OHA report findings to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Law enforcement training
- Next steps for an individual in crisis
- Impacts in rural communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 services.

House Bill 2417 A establishes a program to provide grants to cities or funding to county community mental health programs to fund mobile crisis intervention teams and other specified programs.