I am a resident of Ashland, OR and am writing to express my support for HB 2417. The operation of mobile crisis teams is an effective, compassionate strategy to ensure that those experiencing crisis get the right kind of care. While the police play an important role in responding to and preventing crime, they are not the optimal responders to mental health crises and other non-criminal interventions, and their involvement in these situations can do more harm than good. Thank you for considering this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely, Gavin Bowes