

HB 2417 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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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: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *Fiscal impact issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Directs 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 the Oregon Health Authority (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.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile crisis intervention teams were first established under ORS 430.630.

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

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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.