

HB 4045 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to implement program to provide grants to organizations for community violence prevention and intervention services. Requires OHA to approve at least one national training and certification program for certified violence prevention professionals. Requires OHA to seek federal approval to secure federal financial participation in the costs of providing medical assistance program coverage for community violence prevention services for medical assistance program enrollees who meet specified criteria. Appropriates moneys from General Fund for grant programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 **Replaces measure.** Changes responsibility for administration of grants from OHA to Department of Administrative Services (DAS) with grants provided to the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC). Requires POIC to report annually to DAS by November 30 on provision of grants; requires first report by November 30, 2023. Requires OHA to establish a technical advisory group to support implementation of grant program and specifies membership. Specifies dates by which OHA must seek federal approval for federal financial participation and approve training and certification programs.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, community violence affects millions of people, and their families, schools, and communities every year. Community violence can cause significant physical injuries and mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Living in a community experiencing violence is also associated with increases in risk of developing chronic diseases, as concerns about violence may prevent someone from engaging in healthy behaviors, such as walking, bicycling, using parks and recreational spaces, and accessing healthy food outlets. Violence in one's community also scares people out of participating in neighborhood activities; limits business growth and prosperity; strains education, justice, and medical systems; and slows community progress.

House Bill 4045 directs the Oregon Health Authority to implement grant programs for community violence prevention and intervention services and requires OHA to seek federal financial participation for providing community violence prevention services to medical assistance program enrollees.