

HB 4045 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/14/22

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

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Hayden, Moore-Green, Noble, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to distribute moneys to nonprofit organization to provide grants to organizations for community violence prevention and intervention services. Specifies grantee requirements and requires nonprofit organization to report to DAS on grant issuance by November 30, 2023 and annually thereafter. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a program to provide grants to develop hospital-based violence intervention programs in communities of need other than in Multnomah County. Requires OHA to approve at least one national training and certification program for certified violence prevention professionals by October 1, 2022. Requires OHA to seek federal approval by October 1, 2022 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. Requires OHA to establish a technical advisory group to support implementation of grant program and specifies membership. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to DAS and OHA for grant programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Healing Hurt People program
- Impacts of community violence
- Potential for coordination with local public safety councils

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 A directs the Department of Administrative Services and Oregon Health Authority to implement grant programs for community violence prevention and intervention services.