

# HB 4045 -1: HOSPITAL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS (HVIPS)

## A PROVEN STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

House Bill 4045 seeks to reduce violent injury and prevent violent retaliation by providing consistent funding to programs that work, bringing interventions into the system of care, and professionalizing trusted, community violence prevention providers.

### 1

#### THE CYCLE

- Like much of the country, Oregon has seen a rise in community violence since the start of the pandemic.
- 40% of victims of community violence will experience reinjury, for 20%, a second injury will prove fatal.
- Survivors of violent injury are more likely to carry a weapon to establish safety and, without a plan, will return to an environment where there is pressure to retaliate.
- Youth exposed to gun violence are twice as likely to perpetrate violence against others.

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#### THE BILL

- Builds community capacity now by investing \$5 million in general fund dollars to expand hospital-based programs across the state and other community violence prevention work.
- Professionalizes the work of trusted community messengers (like Peers and CHWs).
- Creates a *narrow* pathway to Medicaid reimbursement for *intensive* preventative or *specialized* case management services performed by trusted community members.

### 2

#### THE INTERVENTION

- Treats the problems that create the instability that normalizes community violence in the first place.
- Trusted community members intervene during the “golden moment” after an assault (stabbing or gun wound). Evidence shows individuals are most likely to be receptive to behavior change during the few hours immediately after injury. Trusted community members will spend six to eighteen months with an individual, providing referrals, resources, and concrete solutions to escape the chronic cycle of community violence.

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#### THE DATA

- 2 of 3 injured by community violence are uninsured or Medicaid eligible.
- Of violent assaults in Oregon, more than half were billed to Medicaid at \$150k-\$250k for hospital care only.
- Estimates of program efficacy show an estimated reduction of 50% in reinjury through the use of qualified violence prevention providers.
- One analysis found savings of \$5 for every \$1.00 invested in this intervention by reducing interactions with the criminal justice system.

