

HB 4099 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management and Veterans

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates the Task Force on Responding to Veterans in Crisis. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary

For the purposes of the task force, the measure:

- Requires the Speaker of the House to appoint two nonvoting members of the task force and the Governor to appoint at least 12 voting task force members.
- Describes the qualifications for task force members.
- Requires the task force to develop a proposal to ensure each county in Oregon has a two-person, trained veteran crisis response team.
- Provides guidance for the proposal, including how law enforcement officers can better identify veterans in crisis.
- Describes how the task force should conduct business.
- Requires the task force to submit a report to the interim committee of the legislature related to emergency management and veterans no later than September 15, 2026.
- Requires the Department of State Police to provide staff support to the task force.
- Requires all state agencies to assist the task force.
- Repeals Act on December 31, 2027.

Fiscal impact: TBD

Revenue impact: TBD

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Personal example of an interaction between law enforcement and a Veterans in crisis
- Questions about the Task Force and the creation of a Veterans Crisis Card
- Questions about how rural law enforcement will be trained to use the Veterans Crisis Card
- Questions about funding the Task Force and mobile crisis intervention teams in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) contracted with the Oregon Health & Science University to develop and implement a comprehensive data collection system for the Mobile Crisis Intervention Services (MICS) program in Oregon. [OHA's Oregon Mobile Crisis Intervention Services 2024 Annual Report](#), documented that in 2024 there were a total of 25,720 MICS dispatches across the state, with 16,414 unique individuals served. OHA also reported that three percent of all 18 and older Oregonians served by MICS in 2024 were current or former military and/or national guard members, but 43 percent of all 18 and older Oregonians served had missing, or unknown information related to their military status.