

HB 4099 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Meek

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Action Date: 02/24/26
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Manning Jr, Meek, Neron Misslin, Thatcher
Exc: 1 - Smith DB
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Task Force on Responding to Veterans in Crisis. It specifies that the task force consists of at least 14 members, 2 of whom are nonvoting representatives of different political parties. The governor appoints the remaining members as specified, including the chair and vice chair. It requires the task force to develop a proposal to ensure all Oregon counties have a veteran crisis response team with at least two individuals trained in veteran crisis response, and to submit a report to the legislature’s interim committee on emergency management and veterans by September 15, 2026. It requires the Department of State Police to provide staff support. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die and sunsets on December 31, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of combat service on mental health
- Preservation of veterans’ rights
- Membership of the task force and the inclusion of differing perspectives
- Protection of personal data and health information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) contracted with Oregon Health and Science University to develop and implement a comprehensive data collection system for the state’s Mobile Crisis Intervention Services (MICS) program. [OHA’s Oregon Mobile Crisis Intervention Services 2024 Annual Report](#) documented that in 2024, there were 25,720 MICS dispatches across the state, serving 16,414 unique individuals. OHA reported that 3 percent of the Oregonians age 18 and over served by MICS in 2024 were current or former military and/or National Guard members, and 43 percent of those served had missing or unknown information regarding their military status.