

COIN Legislative Session Worksheet for 2024

Bill Number: **HB 4017 OHA Study on Improvements to Mental Health Crisis Response Teams**

Brief Description of Bill (maximum 100 words): **This bill directs the OHA to study ways to increase the number, capacity and effectiveness of local mobile behavioral health crisis response teams. The best example of a successful mobile crisis unit is in Eugene, called CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets). This program supports local police depts in handling many social service-type calls that involve mental health, drug-related health care or non-emergency medical care. A local mental health clinic staffs the unit, using City of Eugene vehicles.**

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1. Research topic – choose which category best fits your bill:

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| ☐ Climate, Energy Environment | ☐ Housing/Houselessness |
| ☐ Campaign Finance Reform | ☐ Immigration/Social Justice |
| ☒ Healthcare/Gun Safety | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Transportation | ☐ Economics |
| ☐ Criminal Justice | ☐ Other describe: Click or tap here to enter text. |

2. The bill's Legislative champions – Chief Sponsors: Click or tap here to enter text.

Regular Sponsors: **Rep. Valderrama (no other sponsors have signed on)**

3. The bill's legislative opponents: **None**

4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available. (maximum 200 words) **None have filed. Many behavioral health agencies support this program (Clatsop Behavioral Health Care in Clatsop County), local law enforcement, and county health depts.**

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? (maximum 200 words)
None

6. Reasons COIN should take a position on this bill. Choose all that apply:

- ☒ **Progressive groups across the state care strongly about this.**
- ☒ **This Bill protects or expands the rights of marginalized populations.**
- ☐ **This bill helps change the structures of the democratic system to make it work better.**
- ☐ **This issue is controlled by the state or states have a great deal of power in it.**
- ☐ **Other**

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7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? **Unsure, with the lack of sponsors (?)**
8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s)-(scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc). **Bill currently in House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care, no public hearings scheduled.**
9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information? **Contact Rep. Valderrama to support bill.**