PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal:	Fiscal impact issued
Revenue:	No Revenue Impact
Action Date:	
Action:	
Meeting Dates:	
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:
Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to operate three regional, mobile crisis teams to serve persons who reside in residential group homes. Describes minimum team duties. Dedicates one vehicle per team. Creates Task Force on Client and Staff Safety staffed by DHS. Specifies composition, formalities, and duties of task force. Requires report to legislature by September 15, 2015. Sunsets task force December 31, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Employee and client safety concerns
- Challenging work environment
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:
Removes mobile crisis teams and changes task force reporting date to September 15, 2016.

BACKGROUND:
The Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) within the Department of Human Services, provides for the most acute, medically and behaviorally challenged individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities when counties and private providers cannot meet their needs. This population includes persons discharged from the Oregon State Hospital or released from incarceration. SACU consists of twenty-three residential homes along the I-5 corridor from Portland to Eugene, with a current capacity of 108 individuals (98 adults and 10 children). Adequate supports are critical for people in community-based settings, to relieve inappropriate reliance on emergency rooms and public safety systems, and to ensure the proper treatment response to persons in crisis.

Senate Bill 226 creates three regional, mobile crisis teams to respond to persons who reside in residential group homes, and a Task Force on Client and Staff Safety, staffed by the Department of Human Services, to evaluate safety concerns and make recommendations to the legislature.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the Committee.

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