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1. Possible Overlap with Existing Programs:

Oregon already funds several initiatives aimed at addressing community violence through various agencies and organizations. Establishing a new grant program could create redundancy, lead to administrative inefficiencies, and divert resources from existing efforts that may be more effective.

2.Exclusion of Law Enforcement Partnerships:

SB1015 specifically bars law enforcement agencies from receiving grants. Critics argue that reducing community violence effectively requires collaboration between community organizations and law enforcement. By omitting law enforcement from participation, the bill may miss opportunities to implement comprehensive strategies that integrate community engagement with policing efforts

3.Uncertainty in Program Effectiveness:

While the bill prioritizes funding for “evidence-informed” services, it does not provide clear criteria for assessing what qualifies as sufficient evidence. This lack of clarity could result in grants being awarded to programs without a proven track record, potentially leading to ineffective use of public funds

4.Challenges in Administration and Oversight:

The bill proposes the creation of an oversight board to guide the development and management of the grant program, introducing additional bureaucratic layers. Ensuring the board operates effectively and without bias could be difficult, particularly in selecting members who are truly representative and knowledgeable about community violence issues.

5.Financial Viability and Long-Term Sustainability:

Launching and maintaining the proposed grant program will require substantial financial investment. Critics may question whether funding can be sustained in the long run, especially if the program’s impact on reducing community violence in targeted areas remains uncertain.