

HB 4099 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Task Force on Responding to Veterans in Crisis. The Task Force would consist of at least 14 members, two of which would be nonvoting Representatives of different political parties. The Governor would appoint the remaining members as specified, along with selecting the Chair and Vice Chair. The Task Force would develop a proposal to ensure all counties in Oregon have a veteran crisis response team with at least two individuals trained in veteran crisis response, and submit a report by September 15, 2026. Staff support would be provided by the Department of State Police. The measure would take effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 57; Nays, 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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.