

ALTERNATIVE MOBILE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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Sponsors of HB 4106 and Members of the Oregon House Judiciary Committee,

The Alternative Mobile Services Association (AMSA) is the national trade association of mobile crisis programs and stakeholders. AMSA is an Oregon-based association, active since 2019 with organizational members in 40 states.

Members of AMSA OPPOSE Oregon House Bill 4106.

Oregon law enforcement has a long and complex history of mis-using of force, lethal and otherwise, against people with mental illness, people with addiction, people with intellectual disorders, people with brain injuries, and people in crisis who have not committed a crime. The US Department of Justice in 2013 found the City of Portland's police bureau has a pattern and practice of harming people - people with mental illness. The settlement of that finding continues today - over a dozen years later. These are constitutional violations which cannot be overlooked or left without account. Criminal and civil courts are where those accounts are balanced.

AMSA opposes Oregon House Bill 4106 because there is a better way, which is for the State of Oregon to **fully support mobile crisis in every county**, like Mobile Crisis Services of Lane County or Coos County Health & Wellness Mobile Crisis team, and alternative response services, like Eugene's Willamette Valley Crisis Care or Portland Street Response to provide rapid alternatives to police, and **allow and support designated mental health authorities to transport people** who are in crisis involuntarily.

Police have plenty to do without providing transportation services for people in a medical crisis. This work should be done by skilled professionals, who are ready to do the work and are not allowed to do it. The barrier is you - the state legislature.

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