

HB 2234 - DIGEST

Creates the crisis intervention response team pilot project within the criminal justice training commission to create crisis intervention response teams composed of qualified law enforcement and mental health professionals to respond professionally, humanely, and safely to crises involving persons with behavioral health issues.

Requires the criminal justice training commission to:

- (1) Award two grants, one to an eligible applicant west of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one to an eligible applicant east of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and

- (2) Provide training for mental health professionals participating in the pilot project.

Requires the state institute for public policy to: (1) In consultation with the commission, develop data collection and reporting guidelines for the commission to require of grant recipients; and

- (2) Conduct a study on whether the use of crisis intervention response teams improves outcomes of interactions with persons experiencing behavioral health crises, including reducing rates of violence and harm and other measurable effects identified by the institute.