

House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services
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HB22-1214 Behavioral Health Crisis Response System
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Virginia Gebhart For Self	<p data-bbox="565 373 1474 520">Please vote yes to pass this bill. It will require crisis system facilities and programs, including crisis walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs, to meet minimum standards to provide mental health and substance use disorder services.</p> <p data-bbox="565 562 1474 863">Finding services in the midst of a mental health crisis is extremely difficult for individuals or loved ones who are afraid for the life of that individual. What good is a hotline if there are no services available or if those services are sub-standard? It is heartbreaking to be told there is no bed available, there are no out-patient programs for you. You're on your own. Here's a list of providers. Find one who takes your insurance. Maybe you can see somebody in four to six weeks. We can't possibly provide the services you need.</p> <p data-bbox="565 905 1474 1115">Please vote yes to pass this bill so that individuals and their families will have a better chance at getting appropriate services for the individual in crisis. By the way, "in crisis" means that the family is experiencing the worst days of their lives. They are terrified for the life of their son, daughter, mother, father, brother or sister. Wouldn't it be great if they could get help when they need it most.</p>