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CAHOOTS Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]
Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 5, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 9, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 5, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7961	Identical bill	**Aug 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Aug 5, 2020)

Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets Act or the CAHOOTS Act

This bill allows state Medicaid programs to cover certain community-based mobile crisis intervention services for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance-use disorder crisis outside of a facility setting.

Among other requirements, such services must be (1) provided by multidisciplinary teams composed of behavioral health professionals who are trained in trauma care and de-escalation techniques, (2) available 24-7, and (3) voluntary for the individual experiencing the mental health or substance-use disorder crisis.

The bill provides an enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) for such services, as well as specified funds for state planning and evaluation grants.

Actions Timeline

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