**STRENGTHENING STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSES**

HB1735 is a bill which fixes last year's HB1310 by ensuring law enforcement can assist in behavioral health crisis.

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO NAMI WASHINGTON MEMBERS?**

- Everyone plays a role in supporting our communities with mental illness on their road to recovery. Law enforcement are a crucial part of the responder team in response to behavioral health crisis calls.
- It is important that law enforcement assist individuals to treatment using de-escalation strategies.
- It upholds humane access to responsive care for treatment, even during urgent behavioral health crisis incidents.
- This bill fixes last year's HB1310 and ensures law enforcement appropriately responds to mental health crisis calls.

**What will this Bill Do?**

- Law enforcement can assist in behavioral health crisis’ and assist in safely facilitating people to treatment.
- It directs law enforcement to use reasonable care in determining when to use physical force which means utilizing appropriate de-escalation strategies before using physical force.
- It further defines when to use reasonable care when responding to mental health crisis calls.
- It ensures definition of use of force does not limit or restrict a peace officers’ authority or responsibility to perform lifesaving or community caretaking functions.


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