

SB 52 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs school districts to adopt policy requiring a comprehensive district plan on student suicide prevention in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education (Board) and in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority. Establishes requirements for district plans. Requires the plan to ensure school employees act within the authorization and scope of their credentials and licensure in relation to diagnosing and treating mental illness. Permits school districts to consult with suicide prevention experts, the Oregon Department of Education, parents, school employees, and other parties when developing plan. Requires plan be written, made available annually, and at district office. Declares school districts failing to comply with requirements to be considered nonstandard under ORS 327.103. Requires plan become operative July 1, 2020 and districts adopt policy beginning 2020-2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of Adi Staub and Adi's Act
- Efforts at schools to provide resources for youth suicide
- Difference in policies for small school districts and large school districts
- School board outreach and training for districts implementing policies
- SafeOregon program by Oregon State Police

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 52 A is named Adi's Act in honor of Adi Staub, who died by suicide in 2017. According to the 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians aged 10 to 24. The Oregon Health Authority finds that youth suicides in Oregon have been increasing since 2011, with 107 recorded deaths in 2017.