

SB 682 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop and maintain a statewide plan and intervention strategy with respect to adult suicide. Requires specified professional licensees to complete periodic continuing education related to suicide, operative January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator, informed by a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee, within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). They develop and maintain strategies described in the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan, to address youth access to mental health interventions, best practices for intervention, increasing outreach to at-risk youth, improving intervention opportunities via social media and the internet, and involving coordination and communications between educational institutions, local mental health authorities, and organizations that serve youth, among other local partners.

Senate Bill 682 creates a similar Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator for adults, to develop and update a corresponding statewide strategic plan. The measure also requires specified license holders to complete periodic continuing education on suicide risk assessment and treatment, operative January 1, 2022.