

## HB 2315 -1, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs specified health and behavioral health regulatory boards and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require licensees complete six hours of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management every six years and to report completion of continuing education to OHA or board. Allows OHA and boards to establish minimum requirements that licensee must meet to be exempt from requirement to complete continuing education. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current suicide prevention education requirements
- Number of hours of continuing education required
- Suicide statistics in Oregon

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires each school district in the state require one administrator or teacher per every 100 students complete six hours of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management every six years. Requires individuals who contract with or are employed by a school-based health center to complete six hours of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management every six years.

-3 Limits continuing education requirement to licensees of the Oregon Board of Psychology, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists, State Board of Licensed Social Workers, Teacher Standard's and Practice Commission, and Traditional Health Workers Commission. Changes continuing education requirement to two hours every two years or three hours every three years. Allow Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules to allow completion of said continuing education with continuing education opportunities related to professional ethics or cultural competency. Requires moneys from board accounts be used for the administration and enforcement of suicided prevention continuing education.

#### BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians ages 10 to 24. In 2017, The Oregon Legislature passed SB 48, which required specified health professional regulatory boards to adopt rules requiring licensees to report completion of any continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management. The bill also required boards to report data on the completion of continuing education to OHA; OHA, in turn, is required to report to the Legislative Assembly by August 1 of each even-numbered year on the information submitted by the boards.

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