

## HB 2315 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires certain licensed providers to complete continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management, as directed by the relevant behavioral health regulatory board or the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Specifies at least two hours of continuing education every two years, or three hours every three years. Authorizes OHA and boards to establish minimum criteria to exempt qualifying licensees from same. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die* adjournment.

*House committee: unanimous*

*House floor:*

*Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Basic, foundational training: everyone should be familiar with QPR (question, persuade, refer)
- Two previous attempts to require minimal continuing education for behavioral health workforce
- Ensuring basic assistance at the appropriate time

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians age 10 to 24. The Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 48 in 2017, to require certain licensed providers to report completion of any continuing education on suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management to their corresponding health professional regulatory boards pursuant to rule, which regulatory boards report to OHA, and OHA reports annually to the legislature on August 1st.

House Bill 2315 A requires certain health and behavioral health care providers to complete a minimum amount of continuing education on suicide prevention and treatment pursuant to rules adopted by regulatory boards and OHA: at least two hours every two years, or three hours every three years.