

HB 2315 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Salinas

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 04/05/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Lively, Moore-Green, Morgan, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/8, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs specified behavioral health regulatory boards and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require licensees complete two hours every two years or three hours every three years of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management 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. Allows 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 suicide prevention continuing education. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 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.

House Bill 2315 A directs specified health and behavioral health regulatory boards and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require licensees complete two hours of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management every two years or three hours every three years, and to report completion of continuing education to OHA or board.