



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**

To: Senate Committee on Healthcare

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RE: Support for SB-514

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Committee Members:

AFSP Oregon is in full support of SB-514. The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has developed State Suicide prevention Infrastructure Recommendations ([sprc.org/state-infrastructure](http://sprc.org/state-infrastructure)) that recommends a framework for a public health approach to suicide prevention.

In order to implement the Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan (ASIPP) there needs to be a designated position to carry out and evaluate the plan. SB514 establishes an Adult Suicide Prevention Coordinator within the Oregon Health Authority to do just that.

Additionally, this bill establishes an Adult Suicide Prevention Advisory Committee to work in conjunction with the coordinator to report annually regarding recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to address service gaps in adult suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

These things are currently in statute for youth suicide. We know that suicide risk does not go away in adulthood, therefore, we want to ensure that suicide prevention is addressed across the lifespan that includes methods to evaluate progress through data collection and reporting.