

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Meeting Dates:	5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Maternal Mental Health Patient and Provider Education Program within Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Requires OHA to develop informational materials concerning maternal mental health for providers serving pregnant, postpartum and post-pregnancy loss patients. Requires OHA to post informational materials on its website. Allows health care providers and facilities to provide materials published or approved by OHA to patients and family members of patients. Allows OHA to apply for federal grants or other appropriate federal funding. Becomes operative when OHA receives funding sufficient to develop materials. Requires OHA to report to the Legislative Assembly on the status of funding requests. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Maternal mental health disorder prevalence
- Disproportions in maternal mental health disorder prevalence
- Work group process
- Federal funding
- Current OHA staffing resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Studies have shown depression to be the leading cause of disease-related disability in women and the most common serious complication of childbirth. Data collected by the Oregon Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System from 2004-2008 shows that nearly one in four new mothers in Oregon report symptoms of depression either during or after pregnancy.

The Maternal Mental Health Work Group was created in 2009 by the passage of House Bill 2666. The purpose of the work group was to study maternal mental health disorders in Oregon and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. The work group included individuals representing: public health professionals; medical providers and researchers; hospitals, medical centers and childbirth professionals; medical and nursing schools; addictions and mental health treatment providers; community-based and social support organizations; private and public insurance and health plans; and vulnerable communities and diverse cultures.

In September of 2010, the work group published [House Bill 2666: Maternal Mental Health Work Group Report](#). House Bill 2235-A represents part of the work group's recommendation that Oregon increase public awareness and understanding of the importance, symptoms, risk factors and stigma associated with maternal mental health disorders.

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