

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 4/12, 4/18, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the crime of aiding another person to commit suicide, punishable as a Class B felony.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Suicide kits involving an air-tight hood and the inhalation of helium gasses
- Internet sales in devices designed to assist in committing suicide
- Extradition of offenders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: A person commits the crime of aiding another person to commit suicide if the person intentionally sells or transfers any substance or object to another person knowing that the other person intends to use the substance or object to commit suicide. This does not apply to individuals acting pursuant to an advance directive or health care decision per ORS 127.505 through 127.660, a person withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining procedures or artificially administered hydration or nutrition per ORS 127.505 through 127.660 (pertaining to the requirements imposed on health care organizations relating to the rights of individuals to make health care decisions), or ORS 127.800 through 127.897 (The Oregon Death With Dignity Act).