

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	Conger, Weidner
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/6, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits minor 14 years of age or older to obtain, without parental knowledge or consent, outpatient diagnosis or treatment of mental or emotional disorder or chemical dependency from professional counselors and marriage and family therapists licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Exempts professional counselors and marriage and family therapists from civil liability for certain disclosures and provision of diagnosis or treatment to minors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of current statute
- Qualifications and training of licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists
- Barriers to treatment for teenager in crisis
- Suicide as leading cause of death for Oregonians age 10-24
- Potential impact of parent involvement when treating child in crisis

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current Oregon statute allows a teen 14 years of age or older to consent to a variety of outpatient mental health and chemical dependency treatment services by a physician, a psychologist, a nurse practitioner, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker without parental knowledge or consent.

Senate Bill 491 adds Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists to this list of providers.