

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

**REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/3 2/10

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Renames Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator (Coordinator) and specifies location within Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as within mental health and addictions. Refines and expands Coordinator duties. Requires Coordinator prepare annual report to OHA and legislature. Specifies content of report. Requires Coordinator update statewide strategic plan at least every five years. Specifies content of update. Requires first update to OHA and appropriate legislative committees before January 1, 2015. Defines “youth” and “youth suicide.” Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Suicide second-highest cause of death among Oregon youth, after car accidents
- Importance of strengthening intervention
- Mental health system designed to serve chronic adults, fails to serve youth in crisis adequately
- Substance abuse, not a primary factor for youth
- Self-harm a reflection of stress level, not necessarily a predictor of suicide
- No impact on Coordinated Care Organizations

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*[-2 amendment]* Modifies definitions of “youth” and “youth suicide” to raise upper age limit from 19 to 24.

*[-4 amendment]* Incorporates -2, replaces emergency clause with effective date of August 1, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon has experienced a rise of 21 percent in suicide rates as a whole, since 2000; and as of 2010, the state’s suicide rate was 41 percent higher than the national average. Oregon’s Youth Suicide Prevention Plan has not been updated since 1997.