

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Gelser
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: February 28, 2014

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Renames Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator (Coordinator) and specifies location within mental health and addictions arm of Oregon Health Authority (OHA). 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.” Effective August 1, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.

House Bill 4124-A renames, focuses and expands the position of Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The measure requires regular updating of Oregon’s statewide strategic plan and regular reporting to OHA and the legislature.