

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/09/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 04/09

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) develop plan to improve information sharing about youth suicides among local mental health authorities and local systems. Requires plan address local crisis response. Suggests partners. Requires local mental health authorities inform OHA within seven days of youth suicide and what support was provided to community. Directs OHA to serve as resource. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health care transition generally
- Increasing prevalence of “pacts” among suicidal youth
- Lack of coordinated support response in communities that experience losses due to suicide

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces content of measure.

BACKGROUND:

Supports at the local level in the aftermath of a youth suicide are currently disparate and develop organically depending on the locality, its providers, and the circumstances of the loss. Senate Bill 561-A directs the Oregon Health Authority to develop a plan for improved communications and sharing of data about youth suicide, to address local crisis response, and to be a centralized resource for local mental health authorities.