

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/11/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/11

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to develop a plan for communication among local mental health authorities and local systems to improve notification and information sharing when a death that is suspected to be a suicide of an individual who is 24 years of age or younger.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increasing suicide rates among teens
- Prevalence of suicide “pacts” emerging
- Lack of coordinated support network in communities that experience teen suicides
- School resources for high-risk teens

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 data sharing about youth suicide, to address local crisis response, and to be a centralized resource for local mental health authorities.