

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Health Care

****CORRECTED****

MEASURE: HB 2023 A
CARRIER: Rep. Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/11, 04/15

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs hospitals to adopt and enforce discharge policies for individuals that have been treated for mental health treatment. Specifies criteria to be included in the policy. Sets July 1, 2016 as operative date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Suicide prevention
- Personal experiences with family members and mental illness
- Importance of best practices for patients and family members
- Current barriers for caregivers and family members
- Review of appropriate information to be shared between family members and treatment providers
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (OCCAP) states that preliminary statistics from Oregon indicate that 701 persons died of suicide in 2012. Oregon's suicide rate in 2011 was 16.9 per 100,000 persons, above the national average of 12.4. The rate among Oregon males ages 20-24 was 29.3.

OCCAP also states that communication between family members of persons seeking treatment for mental illness and primary care providers and/or mental health practitioners improves the quality of care provided to these persons, reduces the risk of suicide and self-harm behaviors and encourages the use of community resources to improve overall outcomes.