SB 48   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs certain professional regulatory boards to adopt rules requiring professionals to complete continuing education requirements related to suicide prevention. Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to oversee development of continuing education opportunities by relevant boards and submit a biennial report to Legislative Assembly documenting completion of training. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued
REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, various medical and non-medical professionals are expected to care for people that are at risk of suicide and everyone may not have thorough or up-to-date suicide prevention before coming into contact with people who are at risk of suicide.

Senate Bill 48 directs state licensing boards for certain medical and non-medical professions to require regular continuing education in suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management. Certain non-medical professions are required to have suicide prevention training every six years, while certain medical professionals are required to complete such training at intervals determined by the relevant licensing board. The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a list of continuing education opportunities for suicide prevention and approve each board's training. Senate Bill 48 also directs the relevant licensing boards to document completion of suicide prevention training and report that information to OHA, which OHA then includes in a biennial report to the Legislature. The measure also authorizes the relevant licensing boards to use budget appropriations to administer the new training requirements, and authorizes the boards and OHA to take appropriate action to prepare for implementation prior to the operative date.