

**SB 833 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Knopp

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 04/17/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt and enforce procedures for officers responding to attempted suicides. Procedures must include requirements for facilitating referral of person who attempts suicide to suicide prevention and intervention hotline.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difficulties and current practices to connect suicide survivors with resources
- Provider-driven follow-up care
- Immediacy of follow-up support
- Peer support services, payment systems and fiscal impact of measure
- Possible amendments and other proposed legislation

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Removes peer support program provisions. Requires law enforcement agency to adopt rules requiring officer to facilitate contact between person who attempted suicide and suicide prevention hotline.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over 760 suicides occurred in Oregon in 2015, and according to the Oregon Health Authority, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people under the age of 35. That same year, around 2,000 people were hospitalized for suicide associated behavior. In 2013, Oregon was one of the country's top 10 states for suicide incidents, a position it has occupied for several decades. Suicide prevention hotlines exist to connect people in need with support, particularly those who may not have access to on-the-ground resources, and individuals in need may not seek assistance on their own initiative.

Senate Bill 833-A requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures for officers to follow when responding to an attempted suicide. It requires such procedures to include the officer encouraging a person who attempted suicide to permit the officer to call a suicide prevention and intervention hotline on their behalf.