

SB 48 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Keny-Guyer

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/31/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 6-3-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hack, Kennemer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs certain professional regulatory boards to collaborate with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules regarding the reporting of the completion of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management upon reauthorization to practice. Directs the boards to document and report the completion of any continuing education of the licensees to OHA on or before March 1 of even-numbered years. Specifies data to be reported. Directs OHA to develop a list of continuing education opportunities. Specifies that boards must report to OHA on or before March 1 of even-numbered years and directs OHA to report to the Legislative Assembly on or before August 1 of even-numbered years. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of understanding suicide
- The need for voluntary continuing education in suicide risk assessment, treatment and management
- Licensing boards to provide Oregon Health Authority with training statistics
- Licensing boards to make training available to the behavioral and physical health providers
- Concerns about creating a continuing education mandate
- Reporting burden
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Directs the boards to document and report the completion of any continuing education of the licensees to OHA on or before March 1 of even-numbered years. Specifies data to be reported. Deletes references to "approved." Directs OHA to develop a list of continuing education opportunities. Specifies that boards must report to OHA on or before March 1 of even-numbered years and directs OHA to report to the Legislative Assembly on or before August 1 of even-numbered years.

BACKGROUND:

Over 760 suicides occurred in Oregon in 2015, and according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), suicide is the second leading cause of death for Oregonians under age 35. That same year, around 2,000 people were hospitalized for suicide associated behavior. A variety of medical and non-medical professionals come into contact with and care for people at risk of suicide, but there is not currently a periodic continuing education requirement among them to ensure that their training in suicide prevention is up-to-date.

Senate Bill 48-B directs state licensing boards for certain medical and non-medical professions to collaborate with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules requiring practitioners to report, upon reauthorization to practice, the completion of any suicide prevention continuing education opportunities. OHA is required to develop a list of continuing education opportunities related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management.