

**HB 2667 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Specifies duties of the position: (1) development of statewide plan and intervention strategies to address suicides by adults, to be updated every five-years, (2) improve outreach to adults at risk for suicide, and (3) provide technical assistance to state and local entities. Requires OHA to report annually on suicide in Oregon; specifies data to be reported. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the state public health agency, suicide is a leading cause of death in Oregon with more than 825 suicides in Oregon in 2017, and more than 2,100 hospitalizations each year. In 2018, Oregon's adult suicide rate was 17.9 suicides per 100,000 individuals and has increased annually for a decade (2009-2018). Suicide is the eighth-leading cause of death in Oregon.

House Bill 2667 establishes a suicide intervention and prevention coordinator position in OHA.