SB 707 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee to advise Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on youth suicide intervention and prevention. Requires OHA provide staffing and requires committee consist of 17 members appointed by OHA and reflects cultural, linguistic, geographic, and economic diversity. Directs committee consult with Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator and report to OHA no later than July 1 of each even-numbered year with recommendations for administrative and legislative changes necessary to address service gaps. Requires OHA to report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year with recommendations for legislative changes necessary to address service gaps. Directs Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator to consult with committee in updating Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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 Oregon Health Authority, suicide was the second leading cause of death among 10 to 24 year olds in Oregon in 2016. There were 97 youth suicides in 2014. House Bill 4124, passed in 2014, mandated a five-year Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan and created the position of Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within OHA. Senate Bill 707 establishes a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee to coordinate with the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator and make recommendations to OHA for administrative and legislative changes necessary to address service gaps in youth suicide prevention, intervention, and post-suicide activities. The measure directs OHA to provide staffing and appoint 17 members that reflect cultural, linguistic, geographic, and economic diversity.