

**SB 707 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Keny-Guyer, Rep. Boles

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/14/19

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee to advise Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on suicide intervention and prevention for youth age 10 to 24. Requires OHA provide staffing and appoint members as specified. Directs Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator to consult with Committee to update Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan, and recommend changes to address service gaps in annual report to Legislative Assembly. Requires the Committee to meet quarterly. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Youth suicide in Oregon
- Equity, inclusion, and diverse representation on the Committee
- Age definition of youth (10-24), foster care children, and independent living programs
- Ensuring youth ages 10-24 serve on the Committee

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), 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 (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 A establishes a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee to advise OHA on suicide intervention and prevention for youth age 10 to 24 years. The measure requires OHA to provide staffing and appoint specified members that reflect cultural, linguistic, geographic, and economic diversity. The measure also directs the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator to consult with the Committee to update the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan, and to include recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to address service gaps in the Coordinator's annual report to the Legislative Assembly.