

HB 2315 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs specified health and behavioral health regulatory boards and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require licensees complete six hours of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management every six years and to report completion of continuing education to OHA or board. Allows OHA and boards to establish minimum requirements that licensee must meet to be exempt from requirement to complete continuing education. Takes effect on 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:

- Current suicide prevention education requirements
- Number of hours of continuing education required
- Suicide statistics in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians ages 10 to 24. In 2017, The Oregon Legislature passed SB 48, which required specified health professional regulatory boards to adopt rules requiring licensees to report completion of any continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management. The bill also required boards to report data on the completion of continuing education to OHA; OHA, in turn, is required to report to the Legislative Assembly by August 1 of each even-numbered year on the information submitted by the boards.

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