

HB 3069 A -A10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes a statewide crisis services system including a call line 9-8-8 for suicide prevention and behavioral health crises. Creates a tax on consumers and retail subscribers using telecommunications services or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service. Requires OHA to revise the tax system on an biannual basis using the fiscal growth factor. Prevents local governments from imposing taxes, fees, or surcharges for 9-8-8 services. Defines coordinated care organization, crisis stabilization services, mobile crisis intervention team, peer support specialist, and Veterans Crisis Line. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) establish a crisis hotline center for mental health crises and related care. Outlines requirements of hotline staff including real-time access to information regarding mental health, respond to calls to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention line, arrange immediate follow-up care to the extent possible, ensure follow-up services are available to individuals contacting the hotline, rapidly deploy crisis stabilization services, establish agreements to work with other care service providers, and coordinate access to crisis stabilization services through appropriate information sharing agreements . Requires OHA to reimburse uninsured individuals or individuals without coverage for 9-8-8 services. Provides OHA rule-making authority to allow appropriate information sharing and communication across all crises services providers as necessary. Requires OHA report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the 9-8-8 hotline usage, services provided by the hotline center, performance and quality metrics, and demographic information. Requires OHA to consult with local communities to provide community-based crisis intervention services and expanding the use of mobile crisis intervention teams. Establishes the 9-8-8 Fund to support the implementation of the crisis services system for the state and details required reporting on the fund. Disallows 9-8-8 funds to be used for other mental health related services funded through the General Fund. Allows OHA to establish committees as needed to implement the crisis system. Requires OHA to take action prior to the operative date of July 16, 2022 in order to carryout the requirements of this legislation. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal legislation providing opportunity to develop 988 service statewide
- Current call line for mental health crises

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A10 Removes tax from the bill. Declares an emergency. Defines crisis stabilization center and peer respite services. Requires crisis hotline centers to operate 365 days per year and outlines requirements of center in statute. Provides OHA rulemaking authority to ensure crisis hotline centers meet the requirements outlined in statute. Replaces requirements of mobile response teams in bill with requirements to be outlined in rule. Requires OHA to report to the Legislature and outlines report requirements in statute. Adds to uses of fund specialized training for at-risk communities.

BACKGROUND:

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, passed in 2020, established 9-8-8 as the number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. This bill establishes Oregon's statewide crisis system and the 9-8-8 Fund.