

SB 818 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/20/23

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 3-2-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Campos, Patterson, President Wagner

Nays: 2 - Bonham, Hayden

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/13, 3/1, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a list of suicide risk assessment and treatment continuing education opportunities that are tailored to health care providers based on licenses. Requires OHA to update the list once every two years. Establishes requirements on what the continuing training and education must include, but does not require licensing boards to require training. Requires OHA to consult with licensing boards, universities, and experts on suicide assessment and treatment. Allows OHA to contract with a third-party as necessary to develop the continuing education opportunities. Requires OHA to publish the list of continuing education opportunities on the OHA website. Adds acupuncturist to the list of licenses that are required to report any suicide assessment. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Required trainings for mental health and health care providers
- Capacity of providers to complete additional trainings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Suicide Intervention Training program of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), 60-70 percent of individuals who die by suicide see a medical or behavioral healthcare professional in the year before death. Senate Bill 48 (2017) requires certain behavioral and physical health care providers to report to their licensing boards, at re-licensure, any continuing education activities related to suicide assessment or intervention.

Senate Bill 818 requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a list of continuing education opportunities related to suicide prevention that is specific to different kinds of providers based on licensure.