

# D R A F T

## SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop list of suicide risk assessment, treatment and management continuing education opportunities for specified physical health care providers. Requires authority to develop continuing education opportunities if none exist. Allows specified health professional regulatory boards to approve continuing education opportunities included on list developed and maintained by authority, and to specify minimum requirements to exempt licensees regulated by board from requirement to complete continuing education.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to suicide risk assessment continuing education opportunities; cre-  
3 ating new provisions; amending ORS 676.860; and prescribing an effective  
4 date.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1. (1) In addition to developing the list described in ORS**  
7 **676.863, the Oregon Health Authority shall develop a list for the**  
8 **boards, as defined in ORS 676.860, of continuing education opportu-**  
9 **nities that are tailored to the licensees, as defined in ORS 676.860, and**  
10 **that meet the requirements described in subsection (2) of this section.**  
11 **The authority shall update the list described in this section at least**  
12 **once every two years. The list described in this section must also meet**  
13 **the requirements described in ORS 676.863.**

14 **(2)(a) Except as described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, a**  
15 **continuing education opportunity included on the list described in**  
16 **subsection (1) of this section must include training on the following**





1 **elements:**

2 **(A) Suicide risk assessment, screening and referral;**

3 **(B) Suicide treatment; and**

4 **(C) Suicide management.**

5 **(b) A continuing education opportunity that includes all three ele-**  
6 **ments described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must be at least**  
7 **six hours in length.** 

8 **(c) A continuing education opportunity that includes only the ele-**  
9 **ment of suicide risk assessment, screening and referral must be at**  
10 **least three hours in length.** 

11 **(3)(a) If no continuing education opportunities exist that meet the**  
12 **requirements in subsection (2) of this section, the authority shall de-**  
13 **velop a continuing education opportunity that includes the three ele-**  
14 **ments described in subsection (2)(a) of this section and that is six**  
15 **hours in length.**

16 **(b) In developing the continuing education opportunity described in**  
17 **this subsection, the authority shall consult with each board, as defined**  
18 **in ORS 676.860, public universities listed in ORS 352.002, private insti-**  
19 **tutions of post-secondary education, educators in this state and indi-**  
20 **viduals who are experts in suicide assessment, treatment and**  
21 **management. The authority may contract with a third party as nec-**  
22 **essary to develop the continuing education opportunity described in**  
23 **this subsection.**

24 **(4) The authority shall publish the list described in this section on**  
25 **a website developed and maintained by, or on behalf of, the authority.**

26 **(5) The authority shall adopt rules to carry out this section. The**  
27 **rules adopted under this section must include, but are not limited to,**  
28 **rules:**

29 **(a) Establishing infrastructure to support and monitor the engage-**  
30 **ment of licensees, as defined in ORS 676.860, in the continuing educa-**  
31 **tion opportunities described in this section;**

1       **(b) Developing a process to provide funding to the boards, as defined**  
2 **in ORS 676.860, to support the boards in ensuring licensee participation**  
3 **in the continuing education opportunities described in this section;**  
4 **and**

5       **(c) Establishing, for a continuing education opportunity included**  
6 **on the list described in this section, minimum standards that require**  
7 **a six-hour continuing education opportunity to include content spe-**  
8 **cific to high-risk populations and to the assessment of issues related**  
9 **to imminent harm through lethal means or self-injurious behaviors.**

10       **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is amended to read:

11       **Sec. 1.** (1) In addition to developing the list described in ORS 676.863, the  
12 Oregon Health Authority shall develop a list for the boards, as defined in  
13 ORS 676.860, of continuing education opportunities that are tailored to the  
14 licensees, as defined in ORS 676.860, and that meet the requirements de-  
15 scribed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The authority shall update  
16 the list described in this section at least once every two years. The list de-  
17 scribed in this section must also meet the requirements described in ORS  
18 676.863.

19       (2)(a) Except as described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, a continuing  
20 education opportunity included on the list described in subsection (1) of this  
21 section must include training on the following elements:

22       (A) Suicide risk assessment, screening and referral;

23       (B) Suicide treatment; and

24       (C) Suicide management.

25       (b) A continuing education opportunity that includes all three elements  
26 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must be at least six hours in  
27 length.


28       (c) A continuing education opportunity that includes only the element of  
29 suicide risk assessment, screening and referral must be at least three hours  
30 in length.

31       (3)(a) If no continuing education opportunities exist that meet the re-

1 requirements in subsection (2) of this section, the authority shall develop a  
2 continuing education opportunity that includes the three elements described  
3 in subsection (2)(a) of this section and that is six hours in length.

4 (b) In developing the continuing education opportunity described in this  
5 subsection, the authority shall consult with each board, as defined in ORS  
6 676.860, public universities listed in ORS 352.002, private institutions of  
7 post-secondary education, educators in this state and individuals who are  
8 experts in suicide assessment, treatment and management. The authority may  
9 contract with a third party as necessary to develop the continuing education  
10 opportunity described in this subsection.


11 (4) The authority shall publish the list described in this section on a  
12 website developed and maintained by, or on behalf of, the authority.

13 **(5) In addition to the continuing education opportunities described**  
14 **in this section, the list must also include continuing education oppor-**  
15 **tunities that provide advanced training in the elements listed in sub-**  
16 **section (2) of this section, and that provide training in treatment**  
17 **modalities demonstrated to be effective in working with individuals**  
18 **who are experiencing suicidality.** 

19 [(5)] (6) The authority shall adopt rules to carry out this section. The  
20 rules adopted under this section must include, but are not limited to, rules:

21 (a) Establishing infrastructure to support and monitor the engagement of  
22 licensees, as defined in ORS 676.860, in the continuing education opportu-  
23 nities described in this section;

24 (b) Developing a process to provide funding to the boards, as defined in  
25 ORS 676.860, to support the boards in ensuring licensee participation in the  
26 continuing education opportunities described in this section; and

27 (c) Establishing, for a continuing education opportunity included on the  
28 list described in this section, minimum standards that require a six-hour  
29 continuing education opportunity to include content specific to high-risk  
30 populations and to the assessment of issues related to imminent harm  
31 through lethal means or self-injurious behaviors. 

1 **SECTION 3.** ORS 676.860 is amended to read:

2 676.860. (1) As used in this section:

3 (a) “Board” means:

- 4 (A) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
- 5 (B) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- 6 (C) Oregon Medical Board;
- 7 (D) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- 8 (E) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy; and
- 9 (F) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

10 (b) “Licensee” means a person authorized to practice one of the following  
11 professions:

- 12 (A) Occupational therapist, as defined in ORS 675.210;
- 13 (B) Certified registered nurse anesthetist, as defined in ORS 678.245;
- 14 (C) Chiropractic physician, as defined in ORS 684.010;
- 15 (D) Clinical nurse specialist, as defined in ORS 678.010;
- 16 (E) Naturopathic physician, as defined in ORS 685.010;
- 17 (F) Nurse practitioner, as defined in ORS 678.010;
- 18 (G) Physician, as defined in ORS 677.010;
- 19 (H) Physician assistant, as defined in ORS 677.495;
- 20 (I) Physical therapist, as defined in ORS 688.010; *[and]*
- 21 (J) Physical therapist assistant, as defined in ORS 688.010; **and**
- 22 (K) **Acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.759.**

23 (2)(a) In collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, a board shall  
24 adopt rules to require a licensee regulated by the board to report to the  
25 board, upon reauthorization to practice, the licensee’s completion of any  
26 continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment and man-  
27 agement **approved by the board.**

28 (b) **A board may approve a continuing education opportunity in-**  
29 **cluded on the list described in section 1 of this 2023 Act that is six**  
30 **or more hours in length, except that a board may approve a**  
31 **continuing edu-cation opportunity included on the list described in**  
**section 1 of this**

1 **2023 Act that is less than six hours in length and that does not include**  
2 **all three elements described in section 1 (2)(a) of this 2023 Act if the**  
3 **board determines an element is inappropriate for a licensee regulated**  
4 **by the board.**

5 (c) **A board may by rule specify minimum training and experience**  
6 **requirements that a licensee must meet in order to be exempt from**  
7 **the requirement to complete continuing education regarding suicide**  
8 **risk assessment, treatment and management.**

9 (3) A licensee shall report the completion of any continuing education  
10 described in subsection (2) of this section to the board that regulates the  
11 licensee.

12 (4)(a) A board shall document completion of any continuing education  
13 described in subsection (2) of this section by a licensee regulated by the  
14 board. The board shall document the following data:

15 (A) The number of licensees who complete continuing education described  
16 in subsection (2) of this section;

17 (B) The percentage of the total of all licensees who complete the contin-  
18 uing education;

19 (C) The counties in which licensees who complete the continuing educa-  
20 tion practice; and

21 (D) The contact information for licensees willing to share information  
22 about suicide risk assessment, treatment and management with the authority.

23 (b) The board shall remove any personally identifiable information from  
24 the data submitted to the board under this subsection, except for the per-  
25 sonally identifiable information of licensees willing to share such informa-  
26 tion with the authority.

27 (c) For purposes of documenting completion of continuing education un-  
28 der this subsection, a board may adopt rules requiring licensees to submit  
29 documentation of completion to the board.

30 (5) A board, on or before March 1 of each even-numbered year, shall re-  
31 port to the authority on the data documented under subsection (4) of this

1 section, as well as information about any initiatives by the board to promote  
2 suicide risk assessment, treatment and management among its licensees.


3 (6) The authority, on or before August 1 of each even-numbered year, shall  
4 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to  
5 health care on the information submitted to the authority under subsection  
6 (5) of this section. The authority shall include in the report information  
7 about initiatives by boards to promote awareness about suicide risk assess-  
8 ment, treatment and management and information on how boards are pro-  
9 moting continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section to  
10 licensees.

11 (7) The authority may use the information submitted to the authority  
12 under subsection (5) of this section to develop continuing education oppor-  
13 tunities related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management for  
14 licensees and to facilitate improvements in suicide risk assessment, treat-  
15 ment and management efforts in this state.

16 **SECTION 4. (1) Section 1 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to**  
17 **ORS 676.860 by section 3 of this 2023 Act become operative on January**  
18 **1, 2024.**

19 **(2) The amendments to section 1 of this 2023 Act by section 2 of this**  
20 **2023 Act become operative on July 1, 2025.**

21 **(3) The Oregon Health Authority and a board, as defined in ORS**  
22 **676.860, may take any action before the operative date specified in**  
23 **subsection (1) of this section, that is necessary to enable the authority**  
24 **and the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in**  
25 **subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers**  
26 **conferred on the authority and the board by section 1 of this 2023 Act**  
27 **and the amendments to ORS 676.860 by section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

28 **SECTION 5. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**  
29 **on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**  
30 **Assembly adjourns sine die.** 

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