

Date of Hearing: May 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2562 (Dixon) – As Amended March 16, 2026

Policy Committee: Health

Vote: 16 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires a certified alcohol or other drug (AOD) program to include in its policies and procedures a suicide prevention plan and requires a licensed AOD recovery or treatment facility (RTF) to develop a suicide prevention plan. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to promulgate regulations to implement the requirement on RTFs no later than January 1, 2031.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Costs to DHCS of an unknown amount, potentially over \$150,000, to adopt regulations (Residential and Outpatient Program Licensing Fund).

COMMENTS:

Purpose. According to the author:

[This bill] would require licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities and certified recovery programs to create a suicide prevention plan.

Currently, in the California Code of Regulations under Title 9 “Rehabilitative and Developmental Services”, two of the four departments already require suicide prevention plans. However, [DHCS] currently has no requirement for such health facilities to have a suicide policy in place. This gap is an oversight in alignment across departments in the importance of holistic care for individuals in rehabilitative and developmental services.

By requiring licensed treatment facilities and certified programs to have a suicide prevention plan in place, we are improving and prioritizing patient safety and ultimately, their success. [This bill] would add a new level of care in the promotion of emotional, mental and physical health for individuals in treatment settings.

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