

HB 3037 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs medical examiner to notify local mental health authority in cases of suicide involving individual 24 years of age or younger. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a statewide post-intervention protocol. Requires local mental health authority provide notice of death to local mental health authority where deceased is domiciled. Allows local mental health authority to notify local mental health authority in any other county deceased individual had significant contacts. Requires local mental health authority and school district or post-secondary institution deceased was attending inform OHA no later than seven days after receiving notice of death. Adds requirements to notification. Takes effect on 91st day after 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:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds the school the deceased attended to the list of information that a medical examiner may include in notification.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015 the Oregon State Legislature passed Senate Bill 2015 requiring Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) to engage in post-suicide intervention following a youth suicide. Specifically it directed LMHAs to work with partners to develop plans for information-sharing and response, prepare communities to respond in a way that reduces the risk of more suicide, and report deaths to the Oregon Health Authority within seven days of death.

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), suicide was the second leading cause of death among 10- to 24-year-olds in Oregon in 2018. There were 139 youth suicides in Oregon in 2018.

House Bill 3037 directs the medical examiner to notify the local mental health authority in cases of suicide involving individuals 24 years of age or younger and requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a statewide post-intervention protocol. The measure also requires local mental health authorities to provide notices of deaths to local mental health authorities where deceased individuals were domiciled.