



Open Government Impact Statement

83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly
2026 Regular Session

Measure: SB 1550

Only impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official

Prepared by: Dexter A. Johnson
Date: 2/2/2026

SUMMARY

Digest: This Act changes laws related to what government must do after a person dies in some situations. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs law enforcement, prior to making any findings as to the cause or manner of death where the decedent is suspected to have died from suicide, overdose or accident, to interview family members of the decedent if the decedent has a history as a victim of domestic violence or child abuse and certain conditions exist.

Requires law enforcement to submit a written request to the district medical examiner for the performance of an autopsy if a reasonable basis exists that the death of the decedent may be the result of domestic violence or child abuse.

Directs a medical examiner or district attorney to order the performance of an autopsy in certain circumstances.

Provides that certain individuals may examine and obtain copies of evidence generated during an autopsy or investigation of death.

Requires law enforcement to provide notice of rights to certain members of the decedent's family upon opening an investigation of death that is suspected to have been caused by suicide, overdose or accident.

NOTICE OF NO OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT