

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 762**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “305.727 and”.

2 After line 3, insert:

3 “Whereas the rate of suicide among veterans is unacceptable; and

4 “Whereas many veterans are unaware of available benefits and services,
5 placing an unacceptable economic burden on the veteran, the community and
6 the state; and

7 “Whereas the best method to address suicide prevention and the lack of
8 knowledge about veterans’ services is through an engaged community; now,
9 therefore,”.

10 In line 22, after “resources” insert “, including the media,”.

11 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert:

12 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Vet-**
13 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program is created in the De-**
14 **partment of Veterans’ Affairs. The purposes of the program are to**
15 **publicize veterans’ benefits, provide outreach regarding suicide pre-**
16 **vention for veterans in this state and implement the provisions of**
17 **section 1 of this 2013 Act.**

18 **“(2) The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions**
19 **of this section.**

20 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Vet-**
21 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund is established**
22 **in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

1 **Interest earned by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Vet-**
2 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund shall be cred-**
3 **ited to the fund. The fund shall consist of:**

4 **“(a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.**

5 **“(b) Amounts credited to the fund under ORS 305.690 to 305.753.**

6 **“(c) Gifts, grants and donations, in money or otherwise, for use as**
7 **described in subsection (2) of this section.**

8 **“(d) Interest earned by the fund.**

9 **“(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the De-**
10 **partment of Veterans' Affairs for the purposes of implementing the**
11 **provisions of sections 1 and 3 of this 2013 Act.**

12 **“SECTION 5. (1) Individual taxpayers who file an Oregon income**
13 **tax return and who will receive a tax refund from the Department of**
14 **Revenue may designate that a contribution of all or a portion of the**
15 **refund be made to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Vet-**
16 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program by marking the ap-**
17 **propriate box printed on the return as provided in ORS 305.690 to**
18 **305.753.**

19 **“(2) Moneys contributed to the Oregon Department of Veterans'**
20 **Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program in ac-**
21 **cordance with ORS 305.690 to 305.753 shall be deposited in the Oregon**
22 **Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and**
23 **Outreach Program Fund.**

24 **“SECTION 6. ORS 305.727 is amended to read:**

25 **“305.727. (1) In addition to the opportunity to be listed on the Oregon**
26 **individual tax return forms under ORS 305.725, an entity on the eligibility**
27 **roster may apply to the commission for listing in the Department of Revenue**
28 **instructions for tax return checkoff contribution as provided in this section.**

29 **“(2) In order to qualify for instruction listing, the entity must apply to**
30 **the commission in the manner in which an entity applies for listing on the**

1 individual tax forms under ORS 305.725.

2 “(3) In order to qualify for instruction listing, the entity must meet the
3 qualifications described in ORS 305.720, collect 10,000 or more signatures
4 from electors of this state attesting that the electors support the entity
5 qualifying for instruction listing and be:

6 “(a) The Oregon Veterans’ Home, the Nongame Wildlife Fund, the
7 Alzheimer’s Disease Research Fund, the Oregon Military Emergency Finan-
8 cial Assistance Fund, **the Oregon Department of Veteran’s Affairs Vet-**
9 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund** or the
10 subaccount described in ORS 316.493 for contributions dedicated to the pre-
11 vention of child abuse and neglect;

12 “(b) A nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
13 Revenue Code with a gross income of at least \$1 million for the year prior
14 to application; or

15 “(c) The central office for a group of affiliated nonprofit organizations
16 with a collective gross income of at least \$1 million in the year prior to the
17 year of application.

18 “(4) The commission shall review applications and approve those that
19 meet the qualifications of ORS 305.720 and this section. An entity that is
20 approved by the commission shall thereafter qualify for instruction listing
21 for six years and thereafter must reapply under this section for continued
22 listing in additional six-year periods, except that an entity that reapplies
23 does not need to collect 10,000 or more signatures.

24 “(5) The commission shall certify those entities that are on the eligibility
25 roster and that the commission has approved in the interim since the last
26 preceding certification to the Department of Revenue for listing in the in-
27 structions to the forms described in ORS 305.710.

28 “(6) The department shall include in the instructions to the forms de-
29 scribed in ORS 305.710 a list of entities that have been certified by the
30 commission under this section as of the date the instructions for the forms

1 must be prepared.

2 “(7) The department shall cause two lines to be included on the Oregon
3 individual tax return forms following the listing of the entities described in
4 ORS 305.715 (2). These lines may be used by a taxpayer to designate one or
5 two entities that have qualified for instruction listing under this section as
6 the recipient of a checkoff contribution by the taxpayer.

7 “(8) Amounts contributed by charitable checkoff to an instruction-listed
8 entity shall be subject to and distributed as provided in ORS 305.747.”

9 In line 6, delete “4” and insert “7”.

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