

**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) Amounts credited to the fund under section 6 of this 2013 Act.

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

9 “(e) Interest earned by the fund.

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

13 **“SECTION 5. (1) Individual taxpayers who file an Oregon income**
14 **tax return and who will receive a tax refund from the Department of**
15 **Revenue may designate that a contribution of all or a portion of the**
16 **refund be made to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Vet-**
17 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program by marking the ap-**
18 **propriate box printed on the return as provided in ORS 305.690 to**
19 **305.753.**

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

25 **“SECTION 6. (1) A person that applies for the renewal of vehicle**
26 **registration online may make a contribution of \$1 or more to the**
27 **Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention**
28 **and Outreach Program at the time the online application for renewal**
29 **of vehicle registration is made.**

30 **“(2) The vehicle registration renewal website and online application**

1 **form must state that the owner has the option of making a contribu-**
2 **tion to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide**
3 **Prevention and Outreach Program.**

4 **“(3) Moneys contributed to the Oregon Department of Veterans’**
5 **Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program in ac-**
6 **cordance with this section shall be deposited in the Oregon Depart-**
7 **ment of Veterans’ Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach**
8 **Program Fund.**

9 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 305.727 is amended to read:

10 “305.727. (1) In addition to the opportunity to be listed on the Oregon
11 individual tax return forms under ORS 305.725, an entity on the eligibility
12 roster may apply to the commission for listing in the Department of Revenue
13 instructions for tax return checkoff contribution as provided in this section.

14 “(2) In order to qualify for instruction listing, the entity must apply to
15 the commission in the manner in which an entity applies for listing on the
16 individual tax forms under ORS 305.725.

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

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

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

30 “(c) The central office for a group of affiliated nonprofit organizations

1 with a collective gross income of at least \$1 million in the year prior to the
2 year of application.

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

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

13 “(6) The department shall include in the instructions to the forms de-
14 scribed in ORS 305.710 a list of entities that have been certified by the
15 commission under this section as of the date the instructions for the forms
16 must be prepared.

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

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

24 In line 6, delete “4” and insert “8”.

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