

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 561**

Sponsored by Senator GELSER; Senators BATES, BURDICK, DEMBROW, DEVLIN, EDWARDS, HASS, JOHNSON, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, PROZANSKI, RILEY, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, SHIELDS, STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives KENY-GUYER, MCLANE

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to suicide; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas communities and local entities can benefit from the support of the Oregon Health Authority following a suicide; and

Whereas this legislation is designed to ensure that expertise in suicide prevention, intervention and post-intervention is readily available in a timely manner; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, “local mental health authority” has the meaning given that term in ORS 430.630.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop a plan for communication among local mental health authorities and local systems to improve notifications and information-sharing when a death that is suspected to be a suicide involves an individual who is 24 years of age or younger. The plan must address community suicide response and post-intervention efforts to address loss and the potential of contagion risk. The following entities may be involved in developing and implementing the plan:

(a) Public school districts;

(b) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002, if the death involves an individual who is 24 years of age or younger;

(c) Private post-secondary institutions of education, if the death involves an individual who is 24 years of age or younger; and

(d) Any facility that provides services or resources to runaway or homeless youth.

(3) Within seven days after a death that is suspected to be a suicide of an individual 24 years of age or younger, the local mental health authority in the area where the suicide occurred shall inform the Oregon Health Authority, in a manner and in a format to be determined by the authority, of activities implemented to support local entities and individuals affected by the suicide and to prevent the risk of contagion. The authority shall serve as a resource to the local mental health authority as needed by the community.

**SECTION 2.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by Senate April 20, 2015**

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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