

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 561

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

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1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

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

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

6 Delete lines 4 through 16 and insert:

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

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

15 “**(a) Public school districts;**

16 “**(b) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002, if the death involves an individual who is**
17 **24 years of age or younger;**

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

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

21 “**(3) Within seven days after a death that is suspected to be a suicide of an individual 24**
22 **years of age or younger, the local mental health authority in the area where the suicide oc-**
23 **curred shall inform the Oregon Health Authority, in a manner and in a format to be deter-**
24 **mined by the authority, of activities implemented to support local entities and individuals**
25 **affected by the suicide and to prevent the risk of contagion. The authority shall serve as a**
26 **resource to the local mental health authority as needed by the community.”.**

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