

HB 3037 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 4/20, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs medical examiner to notify local mental health authority in cases of suicide involving individual 24 years of age or younger. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a statewide post-intervention protocol. Requires local mental health authority to provide notice of death to local mental health authority where deceased is domiciled. Allows local mental health authority to notify local mental health authority in any other county where a deceased individual had significant contacts. Allows medical examiner to identify the school a deceased attended in notices it provides. Requires local mental health authority and school district or post-secondary institution deceased was attending to inform OHA no later than seven days after receiving notice of death. Adds requirements to notification. Effective 91st day after *sine die* adjournment.

House floor vote: unanimous

House committee vote: unanimous

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015 the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 561 requiring local mental health authorities (LMHAs) to engage in post-suicide intervention following a youth suicide. It specifically directed LMHAs to work with partners to develop plans for information-sharing and response, to prepare communities to respond in a way that reduces the risk of more suicides, and to report deaths to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) within seven days.

According to OHA, suicide was the second leading cause of death among youth in Oregon age 10 to 24 in 2018; there were 139 youth suicides in Oregon that year.

House Bill 3037 A directs the medical examiner to notify LMHAs in cases of suicide involving individuals 24 years of age or younger and requires OHA to develop a statewide post-intervention protocol. The measure also requires LMHAs to provide death notices to LMHAs where deceased individuals were domiciled.