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My name is Stacie Shaver and I am in support of HB 3643. Youth suicide is a nation wide problem, and Oregon ranks among the highest in fatal suicide attempts. By designating a day of awareness, it brings this topic out in front to be discussed. Mental health and suicide is full of stigma and shame, and if we can begin to reduce this, and increase awareness.... Then perhaps we can really help resolve this problem!

Personally I have seen the devastation left behind for family, friends and a community when a teen choose death by suicide. It is awful and causes such deep pain and devastation.... We need to be talking openly about the hard topic of suicide so that those suffering have a chance to find help.

I urge you, as leaders of our state, to pass this bill and show our youth that you see them, you hear them, and you care. The youth deserve this.