

20 YEARS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Tragic Reality of Veteran Suicides in Oregon

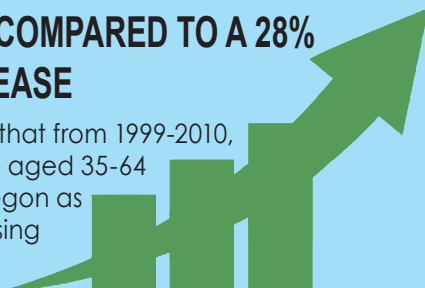
ASSISTED SUICIDE IS ASSOCIATED WITH A 6.3% INCREASE IN TOTAL SUICIDE RATES



After controlling for demographic and socioeconomic variables, legalization is associated with an increased rate of total suicides and **no decrease in non-assisted suicides.**¹

OREGON EXPERIENCED A 49% INCREASE IN SUICIDES AS COMPARED TO A 28% NATIONAL INCREASE

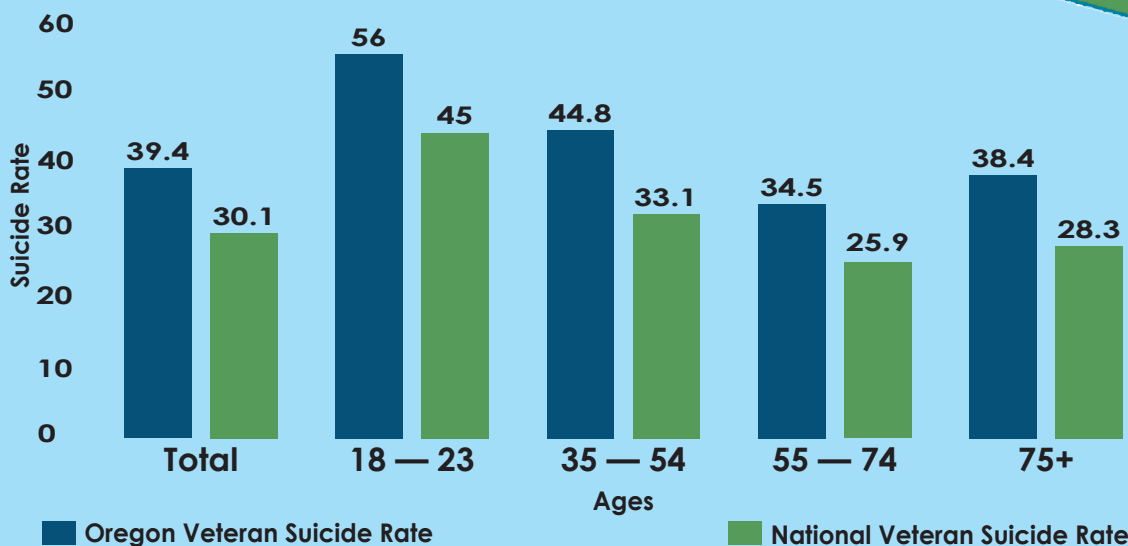
A CDC report shows that from 1999-2010, suicide among those aged 35-64 increased 49% in Oregon as compared to increasing 28% nationally.²



Veterans are endangered when we legalize suicide assistance rather than promote suicide prevention.

THE VETERAN RATE OF SUICIDE IN OREGON IS "SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL VETERAN SUICIDE RATE"

According to data collected by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Oregon Veteran suicides account for 16% of the state's total suicides.³



¹ — Jones DA, Paton D. How does legalization of physician assisted suicide affect rates of suicide? South Med J 2015;108:599Y604. ² — Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Suicide Among Adults Aged 35-64 Years — United States, 1999-2010. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6217a1.htm?s_cid=mm6217a1_w. Reported May 3, 2018 / 62(17):321-325 ³ — VA document: • 2016 Oregon Veteran Suicide Data Sheet and contents courtesy U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs | www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide-prevention-data.asp