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Redmond superintendent bans classroom pets

REDMOND (AP) — When an Oregon superintendent heard of another school district being sued recently for an incident related to an animal, it prompted him to recall his own district policy on animals.

The *Bend Bulletin* reports Redmond School District Superintendent Mike McIntosh, during a school board meeting last week, said the district's insurance doesn't cover class pets.

So McIntosh updated the district's practice to match board policy, which allows only for service animals and animals on a temporary basis related to curriculum to be allowed in district facilities. Classroom pets are not allowed.

School board policy says teachers are considered the owners of class pets, something McIntosh says most teachers didn't realize until recently.

Transgender inmate settles lawsuit over medical care

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Department of Corrections has settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of a transgender inmate who said she was denied medical care.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon said Michelle Wright had been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment because she was denied hormone treatment and counseling. The suit said the inmate

was diagnosed with gender dysphoria and has attempted suicide several times while in custody.

In the settlement announced Tuesday, Wright will receive \$167,500 in damages. The state is also giving her hormone treatments and will consider transferring her to a women's prison.

Wright was convicted of attempted armed robbery in 2013. Her earliest release date is November 2018.

Aid-in-dying law turns 20

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's Death with Dignity Act is now 20 years old.

Voters approved the aid-in-dying proposal in 1994 and it then survived a repeal effort. The law that took effect October 27, 1997, made Oregon the first state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending drug to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who makes the request. It took more than a decade for another state to follow.

The Oregon Health Authority says more than 1,100 people used the law to die through the end of 2016. The median age was 71, and most suffered from cancer.

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the life-ending drug without help; it is illegal for a doctor to administer it.

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