

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Dembrow, Doherty, Frederick, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/3, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits insurers from treating injuries from sexual violence as preexisting condition for coverage, underwriting or rating purposes. Defines sexual violence. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Research findings on domestic violence and sexual assault
- Current law and prohibitions regarding domestic violence
- Need for definition of sexual violence

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines “sexual violence.”

BACKGROUND: According to the Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force, approximately one in six Oregon women will experience sexual assault in her lifetime. Although sexual assault is a medical emergency, a minority of victims will seek immediate medical care. About 16–18 percent of rapes are reported to law enforcement. The Task Force reports that recent studies have shown that 37 percent of health care costs may be the result of sexual assault, which includes mental health care, disease processes that are the result of drugs, nicotine and alcohol addiction, heart disease and hypertension.