



Pass HB 3194A

SUPPORT \$4 MILLION INCREASE TO FUND EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS FOR VICTIMS



- With a \$4 million increase, an additional 1,390 victims and their children can access the shelter necessary to escape violence in the home.
 - 778 adults, 612 children for an average 40 day shelter stay
 - 55,600 shelter bed nights per year
- Current funding is at only 13% of the amount required to meet statewide emergency shelter needs.
- In 2011, there were more than 20,681 victim requests for emergency shelter that could not be met.

ODSVS DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES ARE LIFELINES TO OREGONIANS:

- ODSVS funds emergency shelter and support services to victims fleeing domestic violence across the state.
- Access to these services reduces the incidence of re-assault by 70%.
- ODSVS is the only source of general fund support for these services. Total state and federal funding available in Oregon meets less than half the minimum core emergency need.

OREGON IS STRONGER WHEN VICTIMS AND FAMILIES ARE SAFE:

- Public health: Safety from domestic violence would save Oregon more than \$35 million per year in health care costs.
- Public safety: Safety from domestic violence and sexual assault would reduce Oregon violent crimes.
- Child welfare: Safety from domestic violence would reduce 1/3 of child welfare cases in Oregon.
- Economic stability and development: Safety from domestic violence would save \$9.3 million in annual lost earnings, and prevent a leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE SAFE AT HOME:

- Since 2009, more than 150 Oregonians (men, women, children) were murdered in domestic violence cases.
- Victims and children must have a safe place to go when fleeing abuse.
- Oregon can save lives by protecting victim services.

**SAVE 1,390 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND THEIR CHILDREN
\$4 MILLION INCREASE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES
BY PASSING HB 3194A**

From the Desk of
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