

SB 503

Fix the Gaps in Emergency Assistance for Sexual Assault Survivors and Their Families

The Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors program (TA-DVS), allows critical one-time emergency assistance of up to \$1,200 so that domestic violence victims may safely relocate their families.

The Gaps

- 1) Currently, if the perpetrator of a sexual assault does not live with the victim, then the sexual assault victim is ineligible to receive a TA-DVS grant. A person who is threatened by a co-worker or neighbor in her/his own home has no access to this program.
- 2) In 1996, grants of up to \$1,200 were typically sufficient to pay moving costs and the first month rent of a new location. Increasing the allowable assistance to \$2,000 would allow survivors and their children reach a new, safe location.

After adjusting for inflation: \$1,200 in 1996 is worth less than \$800 today.

The Bill

SB 503 will fix these gaps - allowing sexual assault victims access to this program making available the funds needed to relocate.



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Children First for Oregon supports SB 503 so that at-risk individuals will have the same tools to protect themselves and their families that other victims have. Children First for Oregon is committed to the health, education and economic security of all of Oregon's kids.

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