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SB 563
Untested Rape Kits
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Nationwide there are backlogs of unanalyzed sexual assault forensic evidence kits. Thousands of rape kits have been discovered in police evidence rooms – never sent to a crime lab for analysis. Therefore SB 563 is before you.

Oregon must ensure that all rape victims from whom a rape kit is collected will have a better opportunity for justice and serial criminals are taken off the streets.

I have asked the Oregon State Police and Police Chiefs to do an inventory of all back logged rape kits in all police jurisdictions and report back to the Judiciary Committee no later than September 15, 2015. In this report, they need to provide reasons for why so many rape kits have not been analyzed.

Therefore, this bill is probably not needed this session if the judiciary committee can support the need for an inventory of unanalyzed sexual assault rape kits and have that report come to you. Thank you for your consideration.

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