

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/2, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires four-year post-secondary institutions that enroll one or more students who receive Oregon Opportunity Grants to adopt protocol to ensure that students who are victims of sexual assault on grounds or facilities of institution receive services and assistance. Specifies criteria for protocol. First applies to 2016-2017 academic year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses
- Resources available to students who have been victims of sexual assault
- Challenges associated with seeking justice through criminal process
- Need for long-term care and counseling
- Importance of anonymous reporting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-1 amendments (proposed) replace original measure. Require public universities, community colleges, and Oregon-based private universities or colleges to adopt written protocol to ensure students who are victims of sexual assault on grounds or facilities of university or college receive necessary services and assistance. Require protocol to ensure that each student who reports sexual assault is provided with written notification setting forth information on student's rights, legal options, campus-based services, state and community-based resources.

BACKGROUND: Out of 5,446 women surveyed for the 2007 Campus Sexual Assault Study by the National Institute of Justice, 28.5% reported having experienced an attempted or completed sexual assault either before or since entering college. Of the 5,446 women surveyed, 19 percent reported experiencing completed or attempted sexual assault since entering college, a slightly larger percentage than those experiencing such incidents before entering college.

Senate Bill 759 addresses campus sexual assaults, requiring that four-year post-secondary institutions that enroll one or more students who receive Oregon Opportunity Grants to adopt protocol to ensure that students who are victims of sexual assault on their grounds or facilities receive necessary services and assistance.

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