

Kate Brown
Governor



Oregon Commission for Women
"Advocating Equality and Diversity"
1819 SW 5th Ave., Portland, OR 97201
O 503.302.9725/F 503.473.8519
Email: oaco.mail@oregon.gov
Website: www.oregon.gov/Women

Testimony in Support of SB 525B
June 1, 2015, Hearing Room 343, 3 pm
House Judiciary Committee

Chair Barker; Vice-Chairs Olson and Williamson; and Representatives Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Post, and Sprenger:

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women of Oregon, strongly supports SB 525B.

The Oregon Commission for Women has a longstanding interest in assuring safety of families in Oregon and especially women with children. SB 525B goes far in providing local implementation by law enforcement in keeping families challenged by partner abuse safe from deadly violence. This bill provides tools to local law enforcement using their good judgement and intervening with families in immediate danger. We urge you to support this bill and give Oregon families and local police forces the safety and tools they need.

Oregon Commission for Women urges an Aye vote on SB 525B as an important benefit for strong families and domestic violence survivors statewide.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

OR Commission for Women

Chair:
Stephanie Vardavas

Vice Chair:
Jeanne Burch

Commissioners:
Dr. Doris Cancel-Tirado
Megan Jacquot
Sheri Malstrom
Jessica Rodriguez-Montegna
Dr. Barbara Spencer
Stephanie Swanson

Legislative Liaisons:
Sen. Laurie Monnes
Anderson
Rep. Betty Komp

Staff:
Lucy Baker, Administrator
Nancy Kramer, Executive Asst.