

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/16/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 04/02, 04/16

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Hass

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires public universities, community colleges, and Oregon-based private universities or colleges to adopt written protocols to ensure students who are victims of sexual assault on grounds or facilities of university or college receive necessary services and assistance. Requires protocols 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, and state and community-based resources.

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 justice process
- Need for long-term care and counseling
- Importance of anonymous reporting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

Out of 5,446 women surveyed for the 2007 Campus Sexual Assault Study by the National Institute of Justice, 28.5 percent 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-A requires public universities, community colleges, and Oregon-based private universities or colleges to adopt a written protocol to ensure that students who are victims of sexual assault on the grounds or facilities of the university or college receive necessary services and assistance. Senate Bill 759-A additionally requires that the protocol adopted ensure that each student who reports sexual assault is provided with written notification setting forth information on student's rights, legal options, campus-based, state and community-based resources.