

March 22, 2017

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: *Senate Bill 795 – Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Request*

Dear Chair Floyd Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of Oregon's 62 hospitals, health systems, and the patients they serve, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) appreciates the opportunity to seek clarity on SB 795, which would require hospitals to contact a victim advocate and, if possible, that victim advocate be present at the hospital during the sexual assault medical assessment.

Currently, a majority of hospitals in Oregon utilize victim advocates during a sexual assault medical assessment. We would like to seek clarity from the committee regarding if the county's response team will be responsible for providing the resources for a sexual assault victim advocate in the event that law enforcement and/or the hospital do not have access to a sexual assault advocate.

The Association and its Hospitals and Health systems appreciate the work of the state, committee, its chair and members. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your consideration.

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