



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

Testimony in support of SB 247
Senate Committee on Judiciary
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Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Michele Roland-Schwartz, Executive Director of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. The Sexual Assault Task Force is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members who serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, Prevention Education, and Victim Response.

Our mission is to facilitate and support a collaborative, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence. We accomplish our mission by providing multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance to sexual assault responders in Oregon and nationally.

I submit this written testimony in support of SB 247 to change the name and title of the sexual acts defined in O.R.S. 163-305(1) from "deviate sexual intercourse" to "oral or anal sexual intercourse." Use of the term "deviate" to describe sex acts is outdated, and as such, causes victims and the broader community unnecessary distress. We fully support the use of neutral language that provides more clarification of what is being targeted in the statute, and this will be accomplished through the passage of SB 247.

Respectfully submitted,



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