



**Testimony in support of SB 247  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Submitted by Kerry Naughton, Executive Director  
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Kerry Naughton and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Abuse Advocates and Survivors in Service (OAASIS). OAASIS is building a movement that empowers communities to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors live full, healthy, joyful lives. Our base is comprised of thousands of Oregonians—people who were sexually abused as children, their family members and loved ones, and community members who care about the health and well-being of survivors of child sexual abuse.

**We are pleased to support SB 247** to change the names and title of the sexual acts defined in O.R.S. 163-305(1) from “deviate sexual intercourse” to “oral or anal sexual intercourse.” The term “deviate” is outdated and many survivors of sexual violence are offended by the term. SB 247 will provide clarity, as well as more neutral language.

All too often, sexual violence thrives in the shadows of secrecy. Passing SB 247 will provide the brave survivors who step forward to disclose sexual violence language that is clear, current, and less likely to cause offense.

We hope you’ll join us in supporting SB 247.