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****Please Support
HB 3078****

Improve Oregon’s Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence

HB 3078 will close gaps in the Family Sentencing Alternative program, address the drug and property crime laws that disproportionately send women to prison, and invest in services that create safer communities and strong families. *Through HB 3078, Oregon can begin to address the reality that domestic and sexual violence are drivers that impact women’s chance of being involved with the criminal justice system.* Adequate resources for safety and support services for victims are critical for our communities and our families.

****\$1M into Oregon Domestic & Sexual Violence Services Fund¹****

ODSVS DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES ARE LIFELINES TO OREGONIANS:

- ODSVS funds emergency shelter, expert safety planning, counseling, and other support services to victims fleeing domestic and sexual violence in every county across the state.
- *These services reduce the incidence of re-assault by 70%.*

THE NEED IS GREAT ACROSS THE STATE:

- In 2016 alone, domestic violence programs responded to more than 139,120 calls for help. There were more than 9,000 requests for emergency shelter that could not be met.
- *44 percent of those in shelter were under 18 years of age.*
- More than 85,000 Oregon women report having been physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate or recently intimate partner in the last 5 years.

CURRENT FUNDING MEETS ONLY 25% OF THE NEED:

- ODSVS is the only source of general fund support for these services; currently funded at \$8.3 million for the biennium.
- *A 2006 joint DOH/DHS equity report found the need for \$32 million per biennium to provide an adequate level of service.*

OREGON IS STRONGER WHEN VICTIMS AND FAMILIES ARE SAFE:

- **Public health:** Safety from domestic violence would save Oregon more than \$35 million per year in health care costs.
- **Public safety:** Safety from domestic violence & sexual assault reduces Oregon violent crimes.
- **Child welfare:** Safety from domestic violence would reduce 1/3 of Oregon child welfare cases.
- **Economic stability and development:** Safety from domestic violence would save \$9.3 million in annual lost earnings, and prevent a leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

“When the last straw broke, the crisis center was there for me. My son and I are alive and I believe it is due to you. Thank you for all the women you help.”

**-Domestic violence survivor,
Marion County**

“I had no one else to understand what I went through. The crisis center helped me to begin the healing process and become a whole person again.”

**- Sexual assault survivor, Lane
County**

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