

**SB 826 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Roblan

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 03/22/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski

**Exc:** 1 - Thatcher

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Includes certain victim services programs administered by tribal government within scope of victim counseling privilege.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Equal treatment of tribal governments
- Experiences with victims who were uncomfortable without confidentiality

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly adopted a privilege protecting certain communications and records related to victim services. The privilege described in ORS 40.264 applies to safety planning, counseling, support and advocacy services provided to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, when those services are administered by certain entities that receive governmental funding. Senate Bill 826 includes within the scope of the privilege programs that are administered by a tribal government that offers these same services.