

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 960**

Ordered by the Senate April 26  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 26

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Modifies definition of "anonymous kit" in reference to testing of sexual assault forensic evidence kits. Provides that when victim who did not previously participate with law enforcement agency to create report of sexual assault participates at later time, kit is automatically reclassified as non-anonymous. **Requires that law enforcement agencies have policy requiring submission of reclassified nonanonymous kit to Department of State Police within 14 days of reclassification.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to classification of sexual assault forensic kits; amending sections 2 and 4, chapter 89,  
3 Oregon Laws 2016.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** As used in sections 2 to 5, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2016** [*of this 2016 Act*]:

7 (1) "Anonymous kit" means a sexual assault forensic evidence kit collected from a victim who  
8 [*either has not made a decision whether or not to participate in the prosecution of the perpetrator of*  
9 *the sexual assault or has chosen not to participate in the prosecution of the perpetrator of the sexual*  
10 *assault*] **has not participated with a law enforcement agency in the creation of a report of the**  
11 **sexual assault.**

12 (2) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 133.741.

13 (3) "Medical facility" means a hospital, clinic, urgent care center or any other facility that is  
14 authorized to provide sexual assault medical assessments as described in ORS 147.395.

15 (4) "Sexual assault" means the commission of or the attempted commission of an offense de-  
16 scribed in ORS 163.355 to 163.427.

17 (5) "Sexual assault forensic evidence kit" means forensic evidence collected using an evidence  
18 collection kit during a sexual assault medical assessment as described in ORS 147.395.

19 (6) "Victim" means a person from whom a sexual assault forensic evidence kit has been col-  
20 lected.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 4, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2016, as amended by section 6, chapter 89,  
22 Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 4.** (1) Each law enforcement agency within this state shall have policies and procedures  
24 concerning the collection, submission for testing, retention and destruction of sexual assault forensic  
25 evidence kits. The policies and procedures must be in writing, must be made available to the public  
26 as soon as possible upon request and must include:

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) Procedures for investigating reports of sexual assault.

2 (b) A time limit by which the law enforcement agency must obtain a sexual assault forensic  
3 evidence kit from a medical facility that is within seven days after the medical facility notifies the  
4 agency that the kit has been collected.

5 (c) A time limit by which a sexual assault forensic evidence kit must be submitted to the De-  
6 partment of State Police for testing that is within 14 days after taking possession of the kit from a  
7 medical facility.

8 (d) A requirement that the law enforcement agency submit to the department information suffi-  
9 cient to allow the department to prioritize the testing of a sexual assault forensic evidence kit ac-  
10 cording to the rules of the department.

11 (e) A prohibition on the submission of an anonymous kit to the department for testing.

12 (f) A requirement that all sexual assault forensic evidence kits, including anonymous kits, be  
13 retained for no less than 60 years after the collection of the evidence.

14 **(g) A requirement that when a victim who did not previously participate with a law**  
15 **enforcement agency in the creation of a report of a sexual assault participates in the cre-**  
16 **ation of a report of the sexual assault at a later time, the sexual assault forensic evidence**  
17 **kit associated with the report must be reclassified as a nonanonymous kit.**

18 **(h) A requirement that when a sexual assault forensic evidence kit is reclassified as a**  
19 **nonanonymous kit as described in paragraph (g) of this subsection, the law enforcement**  
20 **agency in possession of the kit shall submit the kit to the department for testing within 14**  
21 **days of the reclassification.**

22 (2) Each law enforcement agency within this state shall have policies and procedures concerning  
23 contact with the victims and the provision of information to victims concerning sexual assault  
24 forensic evidence kits. The policies and procedures must include:

25 (a) A requirement that the agency designate at least one person within the agency to receive  
26 all telephone inquiries concerning sexual assault forensic evidence kits and to serve as a liaison  
27 between the agency and the Department of State Police.

28 (b) A requirement that, at the time that a sexual assault forensic evidence kit is collected, a  
29 victim be provided with the contact information of a person described in paragraph (a) of this sub-  
30 section.

31 (c) Provisions allowing sexual assault victims to request and receive information concerning  
32 sexual assault forensic evidence kits, including but not limited to the location, testing date and  
33 testing results of a kit, whether a DNA sample was obtained from the kit, whether or not there are  
34 matches to DNA profiles in state or federal databases and the estimated destruction date for the  
35 kit.

36 (d) A requirement that a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection provide, in re-  
37 sponse to a victim inquiry concerning a sexual assault forensic evidence kit, any information the  
38 victim requests in a manner of communication designated by the victim, as soon as possible and  
39 within 30 days of the inquiry, unless the agency declines to provide the information pursuant to  
40 paragraph (e) of this subsection.

41 (e) Provisions allowing the agency to decline to provide information that interferes with the  
42 investigation or prosecution of a case.

43 (f) A procedure that allows a sexual assault victim to provide the agency with written authori-  
44 zation for a designee to access information on the victim's behalf.

45 (g) Provisions allowing a victim to contact a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection

1 **in order** to [*request that an untested nonanonymous kit be reclassified as an anonymous kit, or an*  
2 *untested anonymous kit be reclassified as a nonanonymous kit, and a requirement that the agency notify*  
3 *the department of the reclassification*] **participate with the law enforcement agency in the cre-**  
4 **ation of a report of the sexual assault associated with the sexual assault forensic evidence**  
5 **kit.**

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