

To Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

I am an Oregon resident and supporter of sexual assault survivors. I support SB 995. I care deeply about this topic and want to ensure that all sexual assault survivors feel safe.

Why is this Bill Important :

Requiring sexual assault survivors to annually go to court to renew their restraining orders is traumatic. Restraining orders need to be extended.

Protecting vulnerable people - children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, survivors of sexual assault by family is important and their protection deserves to be permanent.

Seeking out one's sexual assaulter when they are intentionally evading being served is extremely traumatic for the sexual assault survivor.

What does it remedy:

It prevents the responsibility of keeping themselves safe from falling on the sexual assault survivors.

It protects the most vulnerable in the community, especially those who have jobs that do not allow them to take days off to go to court.

It prevents a SAPO from being considered null if the sexual assault survivor cannot get their assaulter served even after due diligence of trying to get them served.

My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to get passed.

I support [SB995](#) (previously SB482)

Thank you for your attention and support,

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