

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

I am a supporter of sexual assault survivors and resident of Oregon and I would like to write in my testimony of support for SB 995.

- Why is this Bill Important (using the above Bill update recommendations):

> Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic. This restraining order needs 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 survivors.

> In several cases I have seen sexual assault survivors vilified by communities simply for coming forward with their experiences. One was a minor. The emotional and physical exhaustion that survivors experience should not be minimized, and should be protected.

- What does it remedy:

> It prevents the responsibility of keeping themselves safe fall on the sexual assault survivors. They already bear the burden of working through trauma from the assault.

> 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 to keep having to renew it annually.

> 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.**

Link to SB995 (previously SB482):

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/.../2019.../Measures/Overview/SB995>

Thank you for your consideration of the safety and well-being of all Oregonians.

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