



VOTE YES on HB2375

The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force and the Oregon Association of Hospitals & Health Systems urge your support of HB2375.

HB2375 will ensure that victims seeking sexual assault medical-forensic care will receive access comprehensive treatment and forensic evidence collection by a trained SANE.

- Passage of HB2375 will improve Oregon's coordinated community response to sexual violence by adding a SANE or Hospital Representative to each county Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- This bill revises ORS 147.401, which requires the District Attorney in each county to convene a county SART to meet at least quarterly.
- Immediate access to comprehensive medical-forensic care following a sexual assault, mitigates long-term trauma and negative health consequences and supports survivors on their path toward healing and health.
- We know that the most effective sexual assault response occurs through a chain of coordinated multidisciplinary efforts. Holding hospitals to their part in that chain, and giving them the support to succeed even when resources are scarce, is an important step to ensure that survivors have access to consistent expert-level care.
- Oregon is 2nd in the nation in rates of violence against women where 1 in 4 women in Oregon will experience sexual violence or rape in their lifetime.
- 1 in 5 college-age women will experience sexual violence while enrolled in an institution of higher education, and more than 1 in 3 American Indian women will be raped in their lifetime.
- Passage of HB2375 builds on the great work passed by this legislature in 2017 following the passage of SB795, which requires that hospitals dispatch an advocate when a survivor seeks medical-forensic care; see ORS 147.404
- Multi-disciplinary coordination and participation in local protocols is identified as a key component in reducing and preventing future backlogs of untested kits.

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