

**SCR 25 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Williamson

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 06/13/19

**Action:** Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson

**Exc:** 2 - Boles, Wilson

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/10, 6/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Declares legislative support for survivors of sexual violence.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Supporting and believing survivors of sexual assault

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Expresses need to treat survivor-defendants involved in criminal justice system with respect throughout the criminal process.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sexual assault survivors face a variety of trauma and emotional challenges after disclosing an experience of sexual violence. Many disclosures of sexual violence are met with disbelief, ridicule, or rejection.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 A articulates rights and protections for sexual assault survivors, as well as acknowledging the obstacles presented to victims who have suffered sexual violence. SCR 25 A resolves to work towards providing the necessary support and removing obstacles to victims of sexual violence.