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Senate Concurrent Resolution 25

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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.

Declares legislative support for survivors of sexual violence. Pledges to work toward creating an Oregon that is safe for all survivors of sexual violence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas sexual violence is defined as any type of sexual advance or act without consent, with
3 coerced consent or with someone unable to consent, including rape, sexual assault, child sexual as-
4 sault, incest, sexual assault by a person's spouse or partner, unwanted sexual contact or touching,
5 sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and trafficking; and

6 Whereas according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, one in three
7 women and one in six men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

8 Whereas according to the National Center for Transgender Equality, 47 percent of transgender
9 people experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

10 Whereas according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, more than half of all rapes and other
11 sexual assaults are never reported to law enforcement; and

12 Whereas Oregon has more support organizations than most states but these programs are
13 underfunded and under-supported by the state; and

14 Whereas the word "survivor" is used because the strength found in the word "survivor" mirrors
15 the strength found in the people who have experienced sexual violence; and

16 Whereas survivors of sexual assault deserve to have safeguards against injustice and to be
17 treated with dignity; and

18 Whereas survivors deserve trauma-informed care from emergency room staff and law enforce-
19 ment representatives; and

20 Whereas survivors' sexual history should only be discussed when specifically related to a pat-
21 tern of abuse and should never be weaponized against survivors; and

22 Whereas survivors deserve paid time off relating to their trauma; and

23 Whereas survivors deserve protection against discrimination; and

24 Whereas survivors deserve respect from law enforcement representatives while reporting sexual
25 violence and should not be, as often happens, asked intensely personal questions unrelated to
26 survivors' reported trauma; and

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 Whereas survivors deserve respect from district attorneys and defense attorneys when recount-
2 ing their trauma; and

3 Whereas survivors deserve respect when appearing for court proceedings and should not be, as
4 often happens, treated as though they are on trial as well; and

5 Whereas defendants in criminal proceedings may be survivors and should be treated with re-
6 spect throughout the criminal process; and

7 Whereas survivors deserve respect, dignity and trauma-informed care while detained in
8 correctional facilities and while under correctional supervision in the community; and

9 Whereas survivors deserve respect in school and in the workplace where retaliation regularly
10 happens and is unacceptable; and

11 Whereas survivors deserve to be informed of their rights and to have an advocate or designated
12 support person with them throughout the process of reporting; and

13 Whereas survivors, perpetrators and their communities deserve a chance at restorative justice
14 as a way to heal from the trauma; now, therefore,

15 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

16 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, support and believe survivors of
17 sexual violence; and be it further

18 Resolved, That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, acknowledge that more
19 needs to be done for survivors of sexual violence; and be it further

20 Resolved, That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize that there is
21 a fundamental societal problem of sexual violence; and be it further

22 Resolved, That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, pledge to work toward
23 creating an Oregon that is safe for all survivors of sexual violence.

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