



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

Support HB4133
House Committee on Human Services & Housing
February 3, 2020

Chair Keny Guyer, Vice Chairs Williams and Noble, Members of the House Committee on Human Services & Housing:

On behalf of The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of HB4133.

The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members appointed by Attorney General Rosenblum. Members serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, Prevention Education, and Victim Response.

Our mission is to advance a multi-disciplinary, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in Oregon. Our goal is to prevent sexual violence from happening in the first place, while simultaneously improving our response efforts to mitigate trauma and ensure the safety and security of all victims.

Oregon's network of domestic and sexual violence advocates provides a critical safety net for survivors and their children. Funding co-located advocates, housed at the Department of Human Services Child Welfare offices, ensures that our response to domestic and sexual violence is embedded in our statewide systems. Co-located advocates ensure that survivors who engage with DHS systems are immediately connected to the menu of services that community-based non-profit advocacy programs offer, including confidential advocacy services, safety-planning, crisis intervention, and self-sufficiency services.

HB4133 is a legislative priority for the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force. We urge your support of HB4133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MRS" followed by a stylized surname.

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