



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

**Senate Judiciary Committee
Testimony in support of HB4065
February 20, 2020**

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

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 The Attorney General. Members serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Advocacy Response, Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, and Prevention Education.

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.

Passage of HB4065 will end debt-based driver license suspensions. This practice has trapped many survivors in a cycle of poverty, reducing their access to economic stability to support themselves and their children, particularly in rural and frontier regions of Oregon. Passage of HB4065 will increase survivors' access to services that support their safety and self-sufficiency. For these reasons and more we urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MRS", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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