



Testimony in support of SB 820
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerry Naughton and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Abuse Advocates & Survivors in Service (OAASIS). OAASIS is a statewide organization that empowers communities to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors live full, healthy, joyful lives. Our base is comprised of thousands of Oregonians—people who were sexually abused as children, survivors’ family members and loved ones, and community members who care about the safety, health, and well-being of survivors of child sexual abuse. We are working towards a future where all people experience a loving childhood free of abuse and trauma, and all relationships are based on respect, consent, and equity.

OAASIS is pleased to support SB 820. This bill will ensure that people who have sexually abused others receive ethical, evidence-based treatment from qualified treatment providers.

OAASIS is a survivor-led organization, with thousands of supporters across Oregon. Most of our supporters are adults who were sexually abused as children or survivors’ family members. When we engaged our supporters in a comprehensive strategic planning process, our supporters clearly called for us to work to ensure that people who have offended are held accountable and receive treatment in addition to our work to ensure that people who have been sexually abused as children are supported to heal.

Child sexual abuse is not inevitable. It can be prevented. When a person has sexually abused someone, it is imperative to the safety of the survivor and community that the abuser receives the treatment needed to not abuse again.

As OAASIS works to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors heal, we understand we need to support structures that hold people who have committed child sexual abuse accountable in ways that value their humanity; gives them the help they need to not harm again; and promotes a safe, healthy, and inclusive community. House Bill 2633 provides the structure to ensure that sex offense specific treatment is ethical, evidence-based, follows updated standards of practice, and is offered by trained providers.

Senate Bill 820 enhances our public safety. We hope you’ll join us in supporting SB 820.