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RE: Support for SB 766

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer support from the Oregon District Attorneys Association for SB 766.

SB 766 would make two important technical fixes to Oregon's Sexual Abuse Protective Order (SAPO), addressing critical issues to promote survivor privacy and safety.

Currently, the statute creates the risk of releasing personally identifying information, specifically the date of birth of minors seeking to utilize the SAPO statute. This not only creates a privacy issue but is a violation of Federal Law. This bill would make technical changes to the bill to remove that privacy risk by making the publicly available information a reference to a year of birth and not a date of birth.

SB 766 would also eliminate the risk that the survivor's assault history may be publicly released when service on the respondent is completed by an alternative method. The change would allow the publishing or posting of the summons instead of the full petition, which often contains many personal details of the abuse suffered by the victim. SB 766 will ensure that the full details of the allegations are not publicly posted or published as part of the alternative method of service.

Protection orders, including the SAPO, are effective tools in reducing violence and establishing safety for victims. ODAA is supportive of these tools and the efforts to make sure that the individuals who need to access them can do so without fear of exposing private or personal information.

The Oregon District Attorneys Association appreciates the work of the bill's advocates in their mission of supporting victims and survivors and add our request to theirs for your support for SB 766.