

When your neighbor's mother begins dating an abuser who uses that relationship to abuse your neighbor, there is no category under which your neighbor can file for protection because no court-defined relationship exists between your neighbor and her abuser.

When a homeless person is threatened by another citizen, to whom they have no relationship, there is no category under which this person can file for protection, because no court-defined relationship between the person and the threatener exists.

When a person working in the adult entertainment industry, voluntarily or otherwise, is abused by a friend of their employer, there is no category under which this person can file for protection, because no court-defined relationship between the person and employer's friend exists.

This bill would create a process for obtaining protection orders in cases where the would-be petitioner has no simply definable relationship to the would-be respondent.

Please vote in favor of HB 2586, and please consider making it an emergency measure so it will take effect once signed, because otherwise it very well may be that some of the constituents in the State of Oregon described in the above scenarios might not make it to become Survivors. -- Glenn Gutman