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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Thomsen and members of the committee,

For the record, I'm State Senator Rob Wagner. I represent Senate District 19, which includes Lake Oswego, SW Portland, Tualatin, and West Linn.

I have had the honor of serving on the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force - also known as SATF Oregon - since 2018.

Working with the Campus Program of SATF, Senate Bill 1572 was drafted to respond to the frontline experiences of staff and students working to address and prevent sexual harassment and violence at Oregon's institutions of higher education. The bill includes support and prevention policies that improve coordination and consistency in the services that students receive and staff provide.

I appreciate the ongoing diligence of Oregon's higher education institutions to support their students, understand the scope of sexual harassment and violence on campuses across the state, and implement nationally recognized trauma informed practices for student victims and survivors.

Moving forward, the policies in this legislation will help institutions to continue that work in a consistent and targeted manner.

Thank you for holding a public hearing on Senate Bill 1572. I appreciate the opportunity for this committee to hear important testimony from students and organizations working to make the higher education experience safer for all.

Sincerely,

Oregon Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner

