



## **Oregon District Attorneys Association Support for SB 745**

Oregon's prosecutors work in collaboration with our partners in law enforcement, the Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Human Services, the juvenile department and our community partners to both disrupt sex trafficking and aid its victims. A particular focus of all our efforts is to ensure that the victims of youth sex trafficking are identified and provided with the support and resources necessary for their safety and recovery.

ODAA supports SB 745 because it provides training for state employees on sex trafficking so that they have the expertise to recognize its signs as a first step to ensure sex trafficking victims are identified so they can access support and resources.

ODAA also supports the bill's requirement that all youth taken into the juvenile department's custody be screened to determine if the youth is a victim of sex trafficking. Too often the victims of sex trafficking are young people and this requirement is a common sense first step in helping to identify them in order to provide resources and support.

ODAA would like to thank the committee for this opportunity to support this bill and urge its passing.