

OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION SUPPORT SUPPORT HB 2719-1

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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for your time and consideration. My name is Bethany Walmsley, and I serve as the interim executive director for the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. **Along with my colleagues at the Task Force, we urge you to support House Bill 2719-1.**

At the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (Oregon SATF), our mission is to facilitate and support a collaborative, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence. We accomplish our mission by advancing primary prevention and providing multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance to responders in Oregon and nationally.

House Bill 2719-1 amends Oregon statute to be consistent with federal grant eligibility regulations regarding prompt HIV testing and notification of testing results in eligible criminal cases.

By amending current Oregon law to be consistent with 34 U.S.C. 10461(d), HB 2719-1 ensures that programs in Oregon that are seeking full federal funding for important projects focused on domestic/sexual violence and the criminal justice system are not penalized for laws that are outside of their control, and receive the full award amount allocated to support survivors in our communities.

Our agency is supportive of endeavors that ensure providers supporting survivors in Oregon receive the resources necessary to continue their important services. We urge your support of HB 2719-1.

Sincerely,

Bethany Walmsley
Interim Executive Director