

REPRESENTATIVE ANNESSA HARTMAN (SHE/HER)
HOUSE DISTRICT 40



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, members of the committee,

I am proud to be a Chief Sponsor of SB 1070, alongside my colleagues, that would change the way we acknowledge the true impacts domestic violence and abuse have on people.

It is time that we consider the long-lasting fear, trauma, and pain that comes with experiencing domestic abuse, the last thing a survivor needs is to be further victimized by a system that fails to understand their lived experiences.

I fully support SB 1070, which requires sentencing judges to consider evidence of domestic violence and allows judges to impose a lesser sentence when appropriate. We must enable our judges to consider the impact of domestic abuse on a survivor's behavior during sentencing and ensure survivors are not punished for acts committed out of necessity to protect themselves or their children.

Furthermore, creating a task force to make recommendations for programs, procedures, and services to support incarcerated survivors is a vital step toward preventing re-traumatization and ensuring survivors can safely and successfully reintegrate into their communities.

Domestic violence is devastating, and I urge you to pass this bill out of committee, so we can continue to work toward a justice system that recognizes and addresses the unique experiences of survivors. No survivor should be punished for seeking safety and protection.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annessa Hartman".

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