

Re: Support for POP 327 – Sustaining Life-Saving Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

We submitting this testimony on behalf of the collaborative of partners in the Family Justice Center of Washington County in strong support of Policy Option Package (POP) 327, which ensures the continuation of funding for Tribal, culturally specific, and community-based domestic and sexual violence programs in Oregon.

Our organization serves survivors across Washington County and beyond, providing trauma-informed, confidential services to those fleeing abuse. The demand for these services has only grown in recent years, especially as Oregon experiences domestic and sexual violence at nearly twice the national average. Without stable funding, our ability to serve survivors—and their children—will be significantly diminished.

POP 327 continues the critical \$22 million investment first made in 2019 and reaffirmed in 2024 through HB 4140. These funds are no longer supplemental—they are now the baseline required for maintaining services across the state. They support:

- \$10 million for community-based and culturally specific domestic and sexual violence programs;
- \$6 million for the Survivor Housing Fund, which directly addresses the intersection of housing instability and violence;
- \$6 million for Children’s Advocacy Centers, which play a central role in responding to child abuse and trauma.

The devastating combination of housing insecurity, rural isolation, substance abuse, and generational trauma continues to fuel cycles of abuse across our state. Programs supported by POP 327 are the frontline response to this crisis. They ensure that survivors have a safe place to go, someone to talk to, and the resources to rebuild.

We urge the Legislature to uphold its promise to Oregon survivors by funding POP 327 in full. Lives depend on it.

Thank you for your time and commitment to safety, healing, and hope.

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