

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 795

Ordered by the Senate April 21
Including Senate Amendments dated April 21

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representative LININGER, Senators GELSER, KNOPP, MANNING JR, THATCHER (at the request of Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires medical assessment provider or law enforcement officer to contact victim advocate and make reasonable efforts to ensure that victim advocate is present and available at medical facility. **Specifies what victim advocate is obligated to do and prohibited from doing.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to crime victims.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Upon a sexual assault victim's decision to participate in a medical as-**
5 **essment, as soon as practicable and in a manner consistent with the county's sexual assault**
6 **response team protocols adopted under ORS 147.401 and the protocols and procedures of the**
7 **county multidisciplinary child abuse teams described in ORS 418.747, the provider of the**
8 **medical assessment or, if applicable, a law enforcement officer shall contact a victim advo-**
9 **cate and make reasonable efforts to ensure that the victim advocate is present and available**
10 **at the medical facility in which the medical assessment occurs.**

11 **(2) A victim advocate contacted under subsection (1) of this section:**

12 **(a) Shall clearly inform the victim that the victim may decline the services of the victim**
13 **advocate at any time; and**

14 **(b) May not impede the medical assessment, the provision of medical services to the**
15 **victim or the collection of evidence.**

16 **(3) As used in this section, "medical assessment" has the meaning given that term in**
17 **ORS 147.395.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.