



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

**House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Testimony in Support of HB3179
March 13, 2019**

Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chairs Sanchez and Noble, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, **I write to urge your strong support of HB3179.**

The Sexual Assault Task Force is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members appointed by Attorney General Rosenblum. Members serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, Prevention Education, and Victim Response.

Our mission is to advance a multi-disciplinary, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in Oregon. Our goal is to prevent sexual violence from happening in the first place, while simultaneously improving our response efforts to mitigate trauma and ensure the safety and security of all victims.

HB3179 compliments detection and intervention efforts by moving us toward primary prevention of abuse. The Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Survey (OCAPS) is the ideal companion to the Healthy Teen Survey, which collects data on attitudes and behaviors, while OCAPS will help us to better demonstrate prevalence of abuse. Combined, the Healthy Teen and OCAPS surveys will allow Oregon to more fully grasp the scope and impact of abuse, neglect, and violence in our communities, pointing us in the appropriate direction for solutions.

We are grateful to the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect for their contribution to and reinforcement of primary prevention strategies to address abuse, neglect, and violence in our communities, and fully support their effort to expand their strategies statewide. For these reason, we urge your support of HB3179

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MRS" followed by a stylized flourish.

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