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Re: Support HB 2657

Dear Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Deirdra Eden with the Voices Committee of Clackamas County.

Domestic Violence is a disease that is costing our state \$50 million each year in medical costs and lost days of work. This does not include all the other cost of lost property, legal cost, protection costs, relocation cost, and more.

The lifetime cost of rape per survivor is \$122,000.

80% of voters in Oregon support education in public schools about healthy relationships, consent, and personal boundaries.

HB 2657 is a small investment to make and can prevent the devastation in our state that affects HALF the female population.

This plague has a cure. The antidote is education for both men and women, boys and girls.

~Deirdra Eden ~

Reference for stats: Oregon Women's Foundation Count Her In Report, 2016.