



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

Testimony in support of HB3077

House Judiciary Committee

Submitted by: Michele Roland-Schwartz, Executive Director

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Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, I am writing in support of HB3077.

SATF is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency whose mission is to advance a multi-disciplinary, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence. Formed in 1999 by the late Attorney General Hardy Myers, in collaboration with statewide leaders, SATF has a proud history of addressing sexual violence in Oregon. The spirit of SATF comes from our membership. Appointed by Attorney General Rosenblum, members serve 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 survivors.

HB3077 will establish necessary protocols and put systems in place to ensure youth experiencing harassment and abuse in K-12 settings receive support and a swift response from trusted adults they disclose to. The bill will improve the processes of reporting, investigating and sharing findings related to sexual harassment in schools by expanding the definition of sexual harassment, clarifying the process for reporting sexual harassment, and providing resources to students who report experiencing sexual harassment.

We are grateful for the leadership of youth in Oregon for helping develop this bill and urge your support of their efforts by passing HB3077.

Respectfully submitted,

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