



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

**Senate Judiciary
Testimony in Support of SB606
April 3, 2019**

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, I write to urge your support of SB606.

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: Advocacy Response, Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, and Prevention Education.

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.

SB606 builds critical infrastructure in Oregon to remedy silos that exist in our various systems' response to domestic violence, by developing a Domestic Violence Commission, neatly nestled within Oregon's Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). CJC has a reputation for high quality data collection and the ability to convene multiple and varied partners for the greater good. They are uniquely suited to support the DV Commission as a means of facilitating more coordinated efforts to respond to domestic violence across our state.

We believe strongly that establishing the DV Commission will set our systems' response to DV up for success and will better serve survivors as a result. For these reasons we urge your support of SB606.

Sincerely,

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

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