

**SCR 25 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Dembrow, Sen. Gelser

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 03/07/19

**Action:** Be adopted.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Resolves that Legislative Assembly believes survivors of sexual violence. Acknowledges need for greater supports and services for survivors. Pledges to work toward creating an Oregon that is safe for all survivors of sexual violence.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of providing a safe working environment for survivors of sexual assault
- Acknowledgement that not all of the measure's objectives can be accomplished immediately
- Sexual assault survivors are often traumatized by not being believed

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sexual assault survivors face a variety of trauma and emotional challenges after disclosing an experience of sexual violence. Many disclosures of sexual violence are met with disbelief, ridicule, or rejection.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 articulates rights and protections for sexual assault survivors, as well as acknowledging the obstacles presented to victims who have suffered sexual violence. SCR 25 resolves to work towards providing the necessary support and removing obstacles to victims of sexual violence.