



# Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women

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**Support SB1547  
Sexual Abuse Protective Order Technical Fix  
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*Founded in 1999, the Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women (the Alliance) is a grassroots organization of survivors, advocates, multi-disciplinary community and system-based responders, and allies. The Alliance is dedicated to promoting legislation in Oregon that will protect and empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence.*

**SB1547 is a legislative priority for the Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women** Sexual Assault Protective Orders (SAPOs) are critical to survivors who would not otherwise be eligible for an order of protection, but who need access to safety measures. Access to SAPOs remove barriers to protection and offer survivors a safety-net in the aftermath of sexual assault. SAPOs are a critical component to a survivor's overall safety plan.

**SB1547 will make two critical technical fixes to the SAPO statute, ensuring the privacy and safety of sexual assault victims are upheld.** These changes include:

1) modifying the expiration date of the SAPO for orders entered when the petitioner was under 18 years of age, and 2) specifies procedures when service on respondent of SAPO is completed by alternative service.

These fixes remove the current risk of releasing personally identifying information (date of birth), a privacy and safety issue and a violation of state and potentially federal laws. It also removes current procedures that may publicly release the survivor's assault history, ensuring high standards of confidentiality, safety, and privacy for survivors of sexual violence.

**SB1547 strengthens Sexual Abuse Protective Orders.** Thank you for continuing to support survivors of sexual violence by first establishing Sexual Abuse Protective Orders via HB2997 in 2013 and making critical updates to the statute via SB995 in 2019. Passing SB1547 is one more critical step in ensuring that survivors of sexual violence are able to access safety while maintaining dignity in the process. For these reasons we urge your support of SB1547

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