



February 4, 2020

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) respectfully submits comment in support of SB 1547

Oregon has one of the highest rates of sexual violence compared to other states. However, these crimes are underreported. Ensuring the confidentiality and privacy of a sexual assault survivor is important to getting their needs met. Sexual Assault Protective Orders (SAPOs) help victims of sexual violence who would not otherwise be eligible for an order of protection, but who need access to safety measures.

SB 1547 will make two critical technical fixes to the SAPO statute, ensuring the privacy and safety of sexual assault victims are upheld so that the survivors date of birth and assault history are not public.

These changes include:

- Modification of expiration date of the SAPO for orders entered when the petitioner was under 18 years of age
- Specification of procedures when service on respondent of SAPO is completed by alternative service.

For these reasons and more OCADSV supports SB 1547. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vanessa Timmons".

Vanessa Timmons, Executive Director
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Founded in 1978, The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) is a statewide nonprofit organization that is comprised of 51 member programs, both community-based and tribal nations, that provide advocacy services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking throughout the state.