



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

**House Judiciary Committee
Testimony in support of HB4065
February 5, 2020**

Chair Sanchez, Vice Chairs Bynum and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Attorney General's 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: 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 victims.

Passage of HB4065 will reduce barriers to transportation, particularly in rural and frontier communities where transportation options may be limited or restricted for survivors. Transportation increases survivors' access to economic opportunities that help survivors maintain housing and basic needs to support themselves and their children. It is also a critical aspect of getting to and from the services needed for long-term self-sufficiency and safety. For these reasons and more we urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MRS", written over a white background.

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