

HB 3456 *Relating to sexual misconduct at institutions of higher education*

1 in 10 students experience sexual violence before they graduate or leave college.

Women in Oregon experience higher rates of stalking, sexual assault and rape than the national average.

Sexual violence should not be part of the "college experience."

"[H]ow are we supposed to learn in spaces where we know we aren't protected? The goal of the government should be to do the best for their citizens; this bill is just another way to do that."

-JoAnn, OR college student

"This bill would bring safety for survivors, [and allow] more survivors to get help and find a sense of justice..."

-Hannah, OR college student

HB 3456 INCLUDES

Free legal, medical, and counseling services

To ensure survivors are able to receive resources and support through partnerships with community-based domestic and sexual violence advocacy agencies.

Confidential advising services

To aid survivors in navigating the complex process of accessing necessary resources and understanding their rights and options.

Amnesty protections for reporting parties

To ensure survivors are not silenced or deterred from seeking support due to fear of punishment related to alcohol or drug use at the time of an assault.

Transparent, public data through anonymous campus climate surveys

To allow schools to identify impacted demographics, tailor solutions to their campus communities, and test the effectiveness of prevention programs.

Annual prevention and awareness programming

To ensure that students and employees receive robust training on prevention and response, equipping everyone to take action to stop sexual violence.

Sister bills to HB 3456 have been passed in 6 states. Oregon must take action to prevent campus sexual violence, ensure institutional transparency and increase support for student survivors.



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