

OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION SUPPORT HB2280

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Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Wright, Vice-Chair Hudson, and members of the House Committee on Education:

Thank you for your time and consideration. Our names are Carli Rohner and Meg Foster, and we serve as the Campus Coordinator and Prevention Coordinator (respectively) for the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. **Along with our colleagues at the Task Force, we urge you to support House Bill 2280.**

At the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (Oregon SATF), our mission is to facilitate and support a collaborative, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence. We accomplish our mission by advancing primary prevention and providing multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance to responders in Oregon and nationally.

House Bill 2280 provides an important alignment of standards regarding consent as defined in sexual harassment policies adopted by Oregon's K-12 school districts.

Administrators and educators in K-12 school districts are being asked to hold and navigate incredible workloads. Oregon SATF is supportive of legislative policy that reduces this burden by providing clarity and consistency in standards.

Our agency is also supportive of any opportunity to provide students and their caregivers with clearer definitions related to sexual harassment policies, as these policies serve as an important educational tool for helping students understand their rights and options related to sexual harassment. For these reasons, we urge your support of HB 2280.

Sincerely,

Carli Rohner, Campus Coordinator

Meg Foster, Prevention Coordinator