



The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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RE: Support for HB 3114

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and members of the committee:

My name is Danielle Murrell, and I am the Program Manager of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Warriors of Hope Program. I am also a Tribal member. The Warriors of Hope Program serve Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, family members and or individuals who work or live within our community region. We serve Tribal members residing outside of Oregon however members and families are generally across six main counties in Oregon including: Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Multnomah and Washington county residents. Our CTGR staff members of families within the grand Ronde region are mainly in Yamhill and Polk counties. We help shelter victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in our community.

HB 3114 addresses an important issue faced by many programs in both rural and urban areas of Oregon, due to the requirement to provide ID's and names when checking victims in motels. When victims are fleeing from violence this requirement intensifies their level of safety. Emergency motel stays are used as temporary last resort stays until emergency shelter bed spaces are found. Victims are at extreme high risk because we know the time period where a victim first leaves the relationship is the most dangerous time. We live in a rural area and there are very limited motel options and many abusers will actively look for their partner in attempts to talk them into returning and in some instances force them into returning. Many motel staff members don't understand the lethality involved in relocation and having a client's name anywhere in their system. This makes it much more probable that their name might get accidentally or unknowingly be shared to the abuser or a friend and/or family member sent by the abuser to locate victims. Many victims don't always have ID's with them as they are not planning a hotel vacation trip, they are reaching out to life saving supportive services to leave abusive and dangerous situations. They are a special case of hotel stay type individuals and they should be treated as a special case like set forth in HB 3114. When ID is required, it slows down Advocacy program's ability to help. Victims are in transit and getting releases of information signed, getting copies of ID, while victims are in a traumatic, stressed, exhausted state is a lot to ask. Stream lining this process to alleviate any relocation stress would help victims at a time when they are most vulnerable so they can relocate successfully. If the relocation process is too complex, many times will decide to not to leave.

At the Warriors of Hope Program, and other victim advocacy programs around the state, we provide our lodging partners with our program name and the name of the Advocate

signing the family into the room. We pay for the lodging and sign the forms accepting liability for any charges and damages. In our experience, damages are rare, but we want to make sure the motel owners do not have any concerns about how they will be covered if the need for compensation should arise. In addition, our program staff make sure our lodging partners know we can respond within minutes 24-hours a day to provide ongoing support to the victim and address any concerns raised by the motel staff.

Our Lodging partners are an important piece in the safety network for victims of violence in Oregon. All we are asking in this bill is to provide the ability to make sure victims and their children are as safe as possible while residing in their establishments. We strongly urge your support of HB 3114.

As leaders, thank you for your work to make Oregon a safer place for victims and survivors of violence.

Sincerely,

Danielle Murrell