

Submitter: Rachel Schutz
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB4123

Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Family Justice Center and its partners, I urge your support of HB4123. This bill will provide stop-gap funding for the ongoing work of the SANE/SAE Coordinating Council's work on statewide, interdisciplinary sexual assault response across. This work is especially jeopardized in rural areas, often resulting in victims of sexual assault driving hundreds of miles to reach qualified care. The SCC operates in partnership with the AG's Sexual Assault Task Force. It is critical for survivors to have highly-trained forensic nurse examiners, and many communities across the state do not have the access, putting both survivors and their cases in jeopardy. It is essential that this effort be supported to ensure equal access to health care and justice in every community in Oregon.