



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Testimony in Support of HB 3766 | Anti-Cyberflashing

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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Wallan & Chotzen & Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Farrah Chaichi, and I am the Representative for House District 35, Beaverton and Aloha.

Along with my colleagues today, I am here to ask you to support a bipartisan, bicameral anti-cyberflashing bill, HB 3766. This bill creates a legal mechanism to pursue civil action against persons who send unsolicited “lewd/intimate images” to a person’s device. This bill would not impose any criminal penalties and would only allow for civil penalties/fees, including punitive damages and attorney fees. The language is modeled after legislation from other states such as Texas, Virginia, and California. Cyberflashing is a very real problem that impacts many, especially women and girls.

According to US sample data from March 2022¹, nearly half of the women surveyed said they had received an unsolicited lewd image, with one in three of all the respondents having received one within the last month¹. Cyberflashing deeply affects women, with recent research suggesting that 70%¹ of the women sharing that they were unhappy to have received such images. These images leave a lasting impact on victims, their mental health, and their feeling of physical safety. While there are laws in place that ban indecent exposure publicly, there remains no legislation to deter this sort of digital indecent exposure.

My office is currently working on amendments that set baseline damages at \$500. Additionally, an amendment ensuring parties under the age of 18 are explicitly excluded from being sued at 18 for actions they took as a minor, is being proposed, to reduce the risk of unintended consequences for this bill. As you will hear from our colleagues, HB 3766 is a commonsense approach to consent and deterring the widespread issue of cyberflashing using civil, and non-criminal means.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony today.

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/13/style/cyberflashing-bumble-payton-iheme.html>