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Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

On behalf of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions and our Joint Subcommittee on Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention and Statewide Coordination, we urge your support for HB 3070, which would allocate funding to the Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force to establish and manage the Oregon SAE/SANE Certification Commission. One of our commission members is a former emergency department nurse who performed these forensic exams. They understand the complexity and delicate nature of this work. SANE nurses provide critical, trauma-informed care to survivors of sexual assault while ensuring the integrity of forensic evidence collection.

Oregon faces a significant gap in SANE availability. According to the Oregon Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force, more than half of Oregon’s counties lack 24/7 SANE coverage, leaving many survivors without timely access to specialized care. This disparity is even greater in rural and underserved communities, disproportionately impacting communities of color and non-English speakers.

HB 3070 addresses this issue by appropriating \$400,000 to the Department of Justice for distribution to the Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force. This funding will support outreach, training, technical assistance, competency development, and multidisciplinary collaboration with law enforcement, hospitals, and victim services organizations. By formalizing SANE certification and standards, Oregon can better serve survivors, improve forensic integrity, and strengthen the state’s response to sexual violence.

We strongly encourage your support of HB 3070 to ensure all survivors receive the care they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Oregon Commission for Women
Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Oregon Commission on Black Affairs
Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

