



SUPPORT SENATE BILL 710A

Standards within the Oregon Judicial Department to provide education and support for judges regarding domestic and sexual violence (DVSA)



Oregon Alliance to End Gender Based Violence



Why This Matters

Judicial education on DVSA is critical to ensuring fair and informed decision-making in cases involving perpetrators, survivors, and their children. Proper training equips judges with the knowledge to recognize the complexities of abuse, understand trauma responses, and prioritize survivor and child safety in custody and legal proceedings. Without this education, courts may inadvertently retraumatize victims or fail to recognize coercive control and other abuse dynamics, putting survivors and their children at further risk.

Passage of SB 710A will ensure that judges have access to reliable and consistent education, support, and resources regarding the complex and difficult case dynamics present when a case involves domestic or sexual violence. This bill will benefit parties, witnesses, children, parents, lawyers, and court staff by ensuring greater identification of and more effective response to interpersonal violence in court cases.

Key Objectives



The Chief Justice will establish minimum judicial education standards to ensure that all circuit court judges receive training on DVSA-related issues;



The State Court Administrator will implement evidence-based, culturally and trauma-informed education related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other matters related to interpersonal violence;



Curriculum development will be informed by community experts;



A progress report will be submitted to the Legislature in 2027.

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