



Support HB 2456A

Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response (SAVE) Fund Improvements

HB 2456A comes to you with unanimous support from the House Judiciary Committee and the House Floor, and modifies Oregon law to ensure that the SAVE Fund works better for victims and survivors.

Since 2004, Oregon's SAVE fund has been administered by the Department of Justice to provide reimbursement to ensure that survivors of sexual violence can access essential medical care, forensic evidence collection, and mental health supports. This fund has not only improved the consistency with which forensic evidence has been collected, but even more importantly has resulted in survivors having more care and support after suffering sexual violence.

HB 2456A was developed with the input of stakeholders to improve the administration of the fund and to remove barriers to access. Specifically, the bill will allow:

- Greater flexibility within the fund's application timeline requirements, to ensure that arbitrary deadlines do not interfere with a survivor's ability to get care. The bill will move timeline requirements out of statute and into rule, where they can be more flexibly modified as necessary to respond to changing conditions;
- Billing of insurance, if consistent with survivor consent and safety. This will help make state funds stretch further to help more people;
- Coverage for medical assessments related to strangulation. all too often, victims of sexual violence also experience strangulation and exams and supportive care related to strangulation should be covered by the fund to ensure best care for survivors.

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Ensure Access to Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence

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