

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3582

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tomas Perez. I'm the founder of Epik Project, a Portland Metro-based nonprofit that has spent the past decade actively involved in engaging men in support of efforts aimed at ending violence against women and girls. I'm writing to voice our support for HB 3582 because it gets rid of common hiding places utilized by those who seek to inflict violence and exploitation upon the most vulnerable among us; confusing language that can make prosecution difficult and the statute of limitations which can make justice unachievable. I believe HB3582 brings needed clarity on the nuance of all forms of child abuse, it removes the statute of limitations for civil action against perpetrators. Our organization is well aware of the violent, abusive and exploitative subculture that is often hidden in plain sight and that - in the absence of thoughtful measures like HB3582 - operates with impunity. While it is certainly no silver bullet, this legislation represents thoughtful, bi partisan progress towards holding violent perpetrators accountable and improving the safety of our communities. On behalf of our organization composed of dozens of Oregon residents as well as male allies across the country, we applaud and support this effort.

Sincerely,

Tomas Perez