



Oregon District Attorneys Association
Support for Crime Victims and Survivors
Testimony in Support of HB 2676, 2732, 2933 and 3018

ODAA urges support for these bills which will benefit and support crime victims and survivors.

HB 2676 makes needed changes to the Department of Justice crime victim compensation program. These changes include authorizing the program to compensate victims for cleaning expenses associated with a death, increasing maximum counseling benefits for friends of the victim, compensation for medication prescribed in conjunction with counseling expenses, and increases the maximum funeral expense benefit.

The Oregon Department of Justice's crime victims' compensation program provides crucial financial support to the victims and survivors of crimes. The proposed additions to what the program can compensate for will offer victims and survivors a financial lifeline as they navigate the justice system.

HB 2732 provides \$6 million in funding for grant programs to benefit children's advocacy centers, ensuring continued service to children at these critical centers. The work of our child advocacy centers is essential to the safety and recovery of child victims from the trauma caused by abuse.

HB 3018 would provide \$6 million to provide permanent and affordable housing for the survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

HB 2933 would provide \$10 million for Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services to help programs across Oregon to provide lifesaving and changing services to the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Oregon's prosecutors and District Attorney Victim Advocates have a firsthand understanding of how stable housing and wrap around services can make a meaningful impact on a survivor's recovery from domestic and sexual violence. Survivors of these heinous crimes must be supported as they recover from the trauma that has been inflicted upon them. We know that often the shelter services, housing assistance and other services our partners provide are crucial in allowing a survivor to feel supported enough to navigate the court system to seek justice.

Full funding of these services is crucial to addressing the harms suffered by crime victims and survivors. ODAA respectfully urges the committee to support the passage of these bills.