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Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson Statement on the Passage of Capitol Culture Reforms

SALEM – House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland) issued the following statement on the passage of <u>House Bill 3377</u> and <u>House Concurrent Resolution 20</u> out of the Joint Committee on Capitol Culture tonight.

"For the last four months, the Capitol Culture committee has heard from survivors of sexual assault, individuals who have experienced various forms of harassment, and experts in the fields of employment law and Title IX law. All of these perspectives have been incredibly valuable as we refined this policy to reflect the realities that people experience in the Capitol.

"Everyone working in or visiting the Capitol deserves to feel safe and respected, and tonight, we came together across party lines to make that a reality. I want to thank my cochair Sen. Ginny Burdick, and co-vice chairs, Rep. Carl Wilson and Sen. Herman Baertschiger for their steadfast commitment to getting this work done and getting it done right.

"While the fight against harassment and discrimination is ongoing, tonight we took an important step to make the Oregon State Capitol a model workplace where everyone feels safe to participate in our democratic process."

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