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Oregon House Passes Legislation to Strengthen "Revenge Porn" Law

Legislation makes updates to law passed in 2015

SALEM – The Oregon House of Representatives unanimously passed <u>House Bill 2393</u> today, strengthening Oregon's unlawful dissemination of an intimate image, or "revenge porn" law.

Since the passage of the initial "revenge porn" <u>legislation in 2015</u>, it became clear that more work needed to be done to make sure that the law was working as intended and providing the victims of this crime the recourse they deserved.

"Not only has technology changed, but so has our understanding of how individuals are experiencing this crime," said Rep. Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland) who carried the bill on the floor. "With that, we must make sure our state laws are up-to-date and reflect the realities Oregonians face."

A workgroup convened by the Oregon Department of Justice identified a number of changes that needed to be made to existing state law. The legislation eliminates redundant definitions, removes the requirement that an image be shared through an "internet website" to reflect what people are experiencing as well as new technologies, allows for a civil right of action, and clarifies identifiability of a victim.

Oregon House Democrats are committed to making sure our justice system is fair for all.

House Bill 2393 now goes to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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