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Oregon House Votes for Protections Against “Revenge Porn”

SB 188 creates the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image

SALEM – Today, the Oregon House voted to ban the sharing of intimate personal images without the consent of the person in the image. So-called “revenge porn” has been used to harass, humiliate, or injure men and women by disseminating intimate personal images depicting sexual acts or explicit nudity, most often taken consensually within a romantic relationship. These photos are then often posted online after a relationship has ended.

[Senate Bill 188](#) would classify revenge porn as a Class A misdemeanor, elevated to a Class C felony for a second or subsequent conviction.

"The posting and sharing of intimate images without a person's consent can have devastating and long-lasting impacts on the victim," said Rep. Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland). "Senate Bill 188 will criminalize so-called 'revenge porn' and add Oregon to 16 other states that hold offenders accountable for this awful practice."

According to testimony, these images are often uploaded along with an individual's private contact information, leading to anonymous harassment of a victim as well as embarrassment. The reputational and personal damage can be lifelong, since these images are functionally permanent once uploaded to the internet.

SB 188 passed unanimously and now moves to Governor Kate Brown's desk for consideration.

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