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## **Oregon House Votes to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse**

*SB 3 would expand protections under the Family Abuse Prevention Act*

SALEM – The Oregon House today voted unanimously to expand protections available to victims of domestic abuse, giving Oregonians another tool to ensure the safety and security of themselves and their families.

Currently, individuals can apply for a protective restraining order under the Family Abuse Prevention Act if they are in imminent danger of abuse. Should a restraining order be granted, the subject of the order is prohibited from contacting the protected individual. [Senate Bill 3](#) creates the crime of endangering a person protected by a FAPA order, increasing it to a Class C felony.

“This bill is about protecting victims of domestic violence after they have done everything they can to protect themselves and their abuser continues to threaten them,” said Representative Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland). “These situations are often deadly and it is critical our courts have all the tools they need to seriously address these violations.”

Oregon averages nearly one domestic violence-related death per month, with most cases involving active restraining orders. Restraining order violations represent one of the most dangerous events for victims, and currently do not constitute a crime. SB 3 will give vulnerable Oregonians one more way of ensuring their safety.

The bill now moves back to the Senate for concurrence.

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