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## **House Votes to Protect Domestic Violence Victims**

*HB 2244 would make sure records of domestic violence service providers are private*

SALEM – The House today passed HB 2244, which would protect the personal information of victims of domestic violence. House Democratic Leader Dave Hunt made a motion to reconsider the bill a day after it was defeated on the floor.

“Common sense and compassion prevailed today – and victims of domestic violence are safer as a result,” said Representative Mary Nolan (D-SW-Portland)

HB 2244 stems from concern on the part of domestic violence service providers that records containing the personal information of victims, including phone numbers and home addresses, would be made public as a result of a public records request. Some domestic violence service providers opt to not keep records rather than risk making them public.

“This is a victory for victims of domestic violence,” said Representative Carolyn Tomei (D-Milwaukie). “Women who seek help should not fear that their attackers can find them, certainly not by risking their personal information as a result of seeking help.”

“Domestic violence is a serious issue, and if we are serious about helping victims we need to make sure they have access to a safe haven from their abusers. This bill helps do that,” said Representative Val Hoyle (D-West Eugene/Junction City).

HB 2244 now moves to the Governor for his possible signature.

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