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DRAZAN INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WOMEN'S SPORTS ON NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

SALEM, Ore. – Today, on National Girls and Women in Sports Day, **House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby)** introduced legislation to restore safety and fairness for female athletes in Oregon in K-12 schools. LC 3895 requires schools to designate athletic competitions and extracurricular sports according to biological sex. The legislative concept prohibits biological males from participating in athletic competitions or extracurricular sports designated for biological females.

“Women have fought for—and earned—respect and support for themselves in sports and have made incredible gains in doing so. We must defend that progress and stand up for fairness,” said Rep. Drazan. “We can respect the dignity of every individual without endangering women in sports,” Drazan added.

A statewide poll commissioned by House Republicans revealed that **69% of Oregonians oppose OSAA’s current policy allowing biological males to compete in women’s sports.**

President Trump signed an executive order today titled “Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports,” which bans biological males from competing against women in women’s sports by aligning federal policy with Title IX—a law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex for schools that receive federal funding.

“I want to thank President Trump for taking executive action to protect women’s rights and fair competition in women’s sports. I urge our state to take similar action to protect women and comply with Title IX,” Drazan concluded.

Drazan’s bill will be introduced later this week and will include sponsors from both the House and Senate. The statewide poll was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies between January 4–7th of this year, and surveyed 500 registered Oregon voters with $\pm 4.38\%$ margin of error.

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