

# Senator Tim Knopp

## Senate District 27



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### **Senator Knopp's Bill Extends Statute of Limitations on Sex Crimes**

Salem Ore - Senate Bill 1600 allows an unlimited statute of limitations for first degree sex crimes when there is additional supporting evidence of the crime. This evidence can be through non-DNA physical evidence, such as a confession by the defendant to that particular crime; a video tape or recording; statements made by the victim that are made close in time to the alleged crime; or when multiple victims speak on a crime that is so similar, it could be on the same charge. Today, SB 1600 passed the Oregon Senate with a vote of 24-3.

"As a Chief Sponsor of SB 1600, I believe it is critical that we allow time for victims of first degree sex crimes to come forward when they are confident enough to do so. Through encouragement from victim advocates and perseverance, we achieved a policy that is right for Oregonians, and especially for those affected by these horrible atrocities," said Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend).

"Sufferers of first degree sex crimes need an opportunity to bring their assailant to justice. An unlimited statute of limitations for these type of cases, is an important step to alleviate a small portion of the pain that comes from this heinous action. SB 1600 is a step in the right direction in order to protect and defend these individuals. Also, this legislation allows prosecutors to gain a larger window of time to take legal action against criminals convicted of first degree sex crimes," said Knopp.

On the Senate floor, Senator Knopp thanked Danielle Tudor and Brenda Tracy for their steadfast advocacy, and call for justice, which has been instrumental in passing this legislation.

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