

**Senator Tim Knopp
Senate District 27**



Senator Knopp Lends Support to Individuals Subject to Criminal Impersonation

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Salem, OR-Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend) co-sponsored legislation that creates a crime of criminal impersonation. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1567](#) passed through the Oregon State Senate on a near unanimous vote. This policy prohibits a person, with the intent to harm, from impersonating another individual. As a result, the individual who suffers harm, as a victim of criminal impersonation, will have official cause of action against the defendant. This type of offense, which is defined as a Class A misdemeanor, may be punishable up to one year's imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both.

“As we move into an age of constant communication, especially through the use of technology, we must remain vigilant in recognizing threats. This bi-partisan commonsense legislation is an effective safety tool that we can provide to the residents of Oregon in order to assist with the crime of criminal impersonation.”

Senator Knopp serves as the Vice-Chair of the Senate Education Committee and as a member of the Senate Health Care and Workforce Committees. Senator Knopp was elected to his first term in the Oregon State Senate in November 2012. Senate District 27 encompasses the Central Oregon communities of Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, and Tumalo.

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