



SENATE

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Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol Building, 233
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Vote explanation on House Bill 4075

I produced an Aye vote for House Bill 4075 because it will provide greater support to survivors by establishing restitution for crime victims to be collected prior to any court fines and fees. This bill creates a possible expedited pathway to expunction for justice- involved individuals. It also prioritizes payments to victims over payments to the insurance industry.

House Bill 4075 would also create a rebuttable presumption that a record, bill, estimate, or invoice from a business, health care entity, provider or public body is a reasonable amount to be ordered as restitution for expenses. Under current law, victims and the state must surmount significant obstacles simply to obtain reimbursement for expenses sustained as a result of the crime that was committed, which lacks a trauma informed response and continues to place undue burden on survivors.

While I recognize the increase in workload this will produce for public defenders, I am committed to pushing to fully fund our public defense system.

Oregon State Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence
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