

4/22/2019

Subject: Vote Explanation on SB 726A

Secretary of the Senate:

I am fully aware of the intent behind SB 726A, to provide a greater level of protection for victims of discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace. I am in 100% support of this, and really wanted to vote "yes."

My concern is that although this bill's passage will improve workplace conditions for potential victims moving forward, it does not go back and retroactively address anything done in the past to survivors of sexual assault. That, to me, would have made things right for a great many Oregonians. I voted "no" because of this missed opportunity, and fear that with the momentum behind SB 726A, we may not get that chance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Thomsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" and the last name "Thomsen" clearly legible.

Sen. Chuck Thomsen, District 26