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NEWS RELEASE

Representative Carla C. Piluso Carries Bill To Expand Education About Domestic Violence

SALEM— Today Rep. Carla C. Piluso carried Senate Bill 790, a bill requiring the Department of Justice to support services and education curricula about domestic violence and for school district boards to adopt policies that incorporate age-appropriate domestic violence education for 7th through 12th graders. The Oregon House of Representatives today voted unanimously to pass the bill.

The bill is aimed at expanding education and services to young people about domestic violence. According to the Department of Human Services Child Safety Unit, in 2012, 1,213 children received assistance from domestic violence community based programs. This bill would direct the Department of Education to provide school districts with posters in both English and Spanish containing information about domestic violence and a toll-free number that can be called.

“Domestic violence affects far too many individuals in our state and many of them are youth who may feel they have nowhere to turn if they are personally affected by domestic violence,” says Rep. Carla C. Piluso (D-Gresham), who carried the bill. “Senate Bill 790 not only offers intervention and response, but will also prevent future violence by educating our young people about this critical issue.”

Rep. Carla C. Piluso worked in law enforcement for 30 years with the Gresham Police Department and served as Police Chief for her last six years. During her time in law enforcement, Rep. Piluso formed a special unit in Gresham dedicated solely to investigating domestic violence crimes. Domestic violence prevention continues to be a priority for Rep. Piluso in the legislature, Senate Bill 790 is one of a number of domestic violence related bills she has and will support.

SB 790 passed the Senate in April, and will now go to the Governor for her signature.

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