



Senate Majority Office

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 23, 2023

**Press Contact:**

Tess Seger, [Tess.Seger@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Tess.Seger@oregonlegislature.gov)

*Correction: This release has been updated to reflect the correct bill number and vote count for the Campus Survivors Bill (HB 3456)*

## **Oregon Senate Passes Critical Relief for Crime Victims**

**SALEM, Ore.** - Today, the Oregon Senate passed two bipartisan bills to provide critical relief for crime victims in the state.

[House Bill 2676](#) will make critical updates to the statute for Oregon's Crime Victims' Compensation Program that expands eligibility criteria and increases benefits for more Oregonians. These changes will make it easier for victims and survivors to access benefits for the duration of a case, including the post-prosecution criminal justice process.

"We should be doing everything in our power to support Oregonians in their hour of need. With these changes, the Oregon Crime Victims' Compensation Program will help more people and communities heal," said **Senator Floyd Prozanski (D - Springfield & Eugene)**, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee who carried the bill on the floor.

[House Bill 3456](#), the Campus Survivors Bill, passed with bipartisan support. It is a student-led initiative to make sure survivors of sexual assault at institutions of higher education have the resources and support they need, including free legal, medical and counseling services; confidential advice; and special protections for parties who report sexual assault who could be afraid of disciplinary action for drug and alcohol use. This legislation will also ensure that Oregon collects consistent, accessible, statewide data on sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault from campus climate surveys. It will also require annual sexual assault response and prevention trainings for campus communities.

"I'm proud of all of the student-led advocacy that brought forward these important solutions. All of Oregon's young people should be able to safely live and learn at our institutions of higher learning, and this legislation will make a big impact, empowering institutions and communities to better respond to and prevent sexual violence and harassment," said **Senator Michael**

**Dembrow (D - Portland)**, who carried the bill on the floor and serves as the chair of the Senate Education Committee.

HB 2676 and HB 3421 are some of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, these bills now move to the Governor's desk for consideration.

###