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**Republicans Take Action to Give More Sexual Assault Survivors
an Opportunity to Seek Justice**

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Governor signed into law a Republican priority bill increasing the time in which first degree sex crimes may be prosecuted from 12 years to 20 years.

“Sexual assault victims have endured so much suffering. Yet, [House Bill 3632](#) is a glimmer of hope for survivors who deserve every opportunity to seek justice,” **said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend)**, a chief sponsor of the bill.

“It was an honor to have witnessed this bill become law today, however I am also reminded of [what still needs to be done](#) for victims of sexual assault,” **said Tiffany Edens**, victim of “[Jogger Rapist](#)” Richard Gillmore. “The Legislature must still make necessary fixes to Oregon’s sex offender risk level assessment process while providing enough funding to clear the backlog of unclassified sex offenders that currently exists.”

“Getting this bill over the finish line has taken many years and the tireless work of countless people. I am incredibly pleased to finally see it pay off today,” **concluded Knopp**.

Justice for victims of sexual assault has remained a top priority for the Senate Republican Caucus. Increasing the statute of limitations on first degree sex crimes appeared on our [Equitable Oregon](#) agenda for the 2023 Session.

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