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Senate votes to further protect stalking victims

SALEM, Ore.- Today, the Oregon Senate voted to further protect victims of stalking. Senate Bill 714 A gives the court and the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision the ability to impose reasonable residency restrictions on those who have been convicted of stalking or violating a stalking protective order.

SB 714 A is the result of a concept supported by Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem) and Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend).

"Victims shouldn't have to re-live the trauma of their victimization on a daily basis because of a statutory barrier," said Winters. "SB 714 A adds another layer of protection for stalking victims."

"This bill closes a gap in law that allows perpetrators to live next door to their victims," said Knopp. "In certain cases, the court should have the ability to impose reasonable residency restrictions to allow stalking victims to be safe in their homes."