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Smith Votes to Extend Statute of Limitations on Sex Crimes

SALEM - Today, Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) voted to pass HB 2317-A, a bill that will raise the statute of limitations on certain sex crimes from 6 to 12 years.

House Bill 2317-A represents an effort to raise the stature of limitations on certain sex crimes. Currently, Oregon law states prosecution for crimes of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree, and sexual abuse in the first degree all may be commenced within 6-years after the commission of the offense, or if the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of the crime, any time before the victim attains age 30 or within 12 years after the offense is reported, whichever occurs first.

HB 2317-A increases the statute of limitations to 12-years on the above-mentioned offenses or, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense, any time before the victim turns 30. The bill applies to offenses committee at any point; however it does not operate to revive any prosecutions, which have previously been barred in a court of law.

HB 2317-A, passed the Oregon House of Representatives and will not advance to the Senate for consideration.

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