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House Passes Capitol Culture Bill from Equally Represented Committee

SALEM, Oregon – Today the Oregon House of Representatives passed HCR 20 A and HB 3377 B, legislation addressing sexual harassment in the Capitol building.

Although Rep. Sherrie Sprenger (R-Scio) noted HCR 20 A “was not a perfect bill,” the committee diligently worked to balance the legislation between the consideration of victims of harassment and our constitutional right of free speech.

Rep. Sprenger considers the process a “fantastic example of what can be accomplished when both sides work together and listen to the concerns of one another. It just goes to show us balance brings about great policy.”

The House Committee on Capitol Culture since the first of the year when it was formed by the Speaker of the House to address sexual harassment in the Capitol building. Rep. Sprenger was placed on the committee at the first of the year after advocating for the committee to be balanced between House and Senate majority and minority parties. The committee met every Wednesday evening. Committee members spent several hours evaluating many scenarios to create balanced legislation.

Rep. Sprenger stated that the work of the Capitol Culture Committee is some of the most important she has participated in during her 11 years as a member of the House of Representatives. HCR 20 A replaces the current Legislative Branch Personnel Rule 27 which sets the policy for a harassment-free workplace. HB 3377 B creates the statutory framework required to implement HCR 20 A.

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