



Office of Representative Annessa Hartman

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 21, 2024

Press Contact:

Daniel Moltke, Daniel.Moltke@oregonlegislature.gov

Oregon House Unanimously Passes Rep. Hartman's Landmark Victims' Rights Package

SALEM, Ore.— Today, the Oregon House of Representatives unanimously passed [HB 4146](#), the Victims' Rights Package, marking a significant advancement in the protection of victims of abuse and expansion of access to restraining orders. The legislation was introduced by [Representative Annessa Hartman](#) (D-Gladstone and Oregon City), a first-term legislator and parent who built a broad coalition of bicameral and bipartisan support, including 39 legislative co-sponsors.

"This bill is a small but critical step forward in protecting against abuse and ensuring community safety," said Rep. Hartman. "I speak as a voice for fellow survivors and remain committed to pursuing legislation that protects people from abuse. This law strengthens victims' rights in Oregon and is one action I am proud to have earned support from all legislators who voted to pass the legislation out of the House today."

The Victims' Rights Package addresses two critical areas in the fight against abuse and harassment. First, the bill amends Oregon's revenge porn statute by removing the requirement for victims to be "identifiable" in explicit photos shared without their consent. This change aims to close a loophole that has made it challenging to prosecute perpetrators, ensuring victims have a viable path to justice.

HB 4146 also broadens the options for filing restraining orders, allowing victims to file in the county where the abuse occurred, not just where they or their abusers reside. This vital change, inspired by insights from "Restraining Orders Without Borders" and victims' support services organizations, acknowledges the realities of abuse occurring across county lines and enhances victims' ability to seek timely and effective legal protection.

The bill's passage is a testament to Oregon's commitment to adapting its legal protections to meet the challenges of the digital era, ensuring that victims of abuse have the support and resources they need to pursue justice and healing. The bill now heads to the [Senate Committee on Judiciary](#).

###