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**Oregon House of Representatives Passes Peace of Mind Bill, Supporting
Survivors of Domestic Violence**

SALEM, Ore. -- This week, The Oregon House of Representatives passed [Senate Bill 816](#) with unanimous support. Known as the Peace of Mind Bill, this bill supports victims of domestic violence and rape by extending the length of a restraining order from a period of one to two years.

“I pre-session filed this bill on behalf of a former constituent who went through horrible things and had a restraining order filed against her abuser,” **said Senator Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer), a co-chief sponsor of the bill.** “But her abuser was able to manipulate the system and use legal methods, like dragging out the court process for the duration of the one-year restraining order, to harass and torment the victim.”

Senate Bill 816 extends the duration of a restraining order to two years, which helps increase safety for survivors. It gives the legal system time to determine whether the system is being played.

“This important bill will help reduce the chance of another person going through the trouble my constituent did. It will help stop respondents from using system methods to legally harass and make their victims face them time and time in court,” **said Senator Thatcher.**

Senate Bill 816 is now headed to Governor Kotek’s office.

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