



The Honorable Rob Wagner
Senate Majority Leader & Chairman
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

The Honorable Fred Girod
Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Rules
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May 26, 2021

Dear Chairman Wagner and Vice-Chairman Girod:

Our organization is writing to request that the Oregon Senate Committee on Rules immediately hold a public hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 30.

The Association of Title IX Administrators, ATIXA, provides a professional association for over 7,000 school and college Title IX coordinators, investigators, and administrators who are interested in serving their districts and campuses more effectively. ATIXA brings these campus and district professionals into collaboration to explore best practices, establish industry standards, share resources, empower the profession, and advance the worthy goal of gender equity in education.

Our membership includes hundreds of people throughout Oregon schools, including but not limited to Oregon State University, Portland State University, Reed College, and the University of Portland. When it comes to campus safety, sexual misconduct, and racial discrimination, we are one of the leading national organizations that work at the federal, state, and local levels to help address school climate issues and find solutions.

Senate Joint Resolution 30 (SJR 30) is imperative to allowing the Oregon state legislature to become a national leader in reviewing and addressing campus safety and culture at a high level. With the recent sexual misconduct events that took place at Oregon Health & Science University, this legislation would allow the state legislature to put into place sexual assault preventive measures in an effort to make sure all students within the state of Oregon feel safe during a time when they are most vulnerable.

While many institutions have in place campus safety divisions within their police departments, those departments are often over-worked and under-staffed, leading to many sexual assaults going unaddressed and unresolved. Senate Joint Resolution 30 helps to minimize those problems by having oversight at the state level to investigate, analyze, and make specific findings concerning the culture, policies, practices, and procedures in a bona fide effort to prevent and respond to allegations of sexual and racial discrimination, harassment, and misconduct.

ATIXA respectfully asks that you please hold a hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 30 in an effort to help move the state of Oregon forward as one of the national leaders with

regard to addressing safety, sexual misconduct, and racial discrimination on university campuses.

Thank you for allowing our organization to present this information to you for your review and consideration. We are available if you have any further questions on this very important legislation and the positive changes it would mean for students attending college in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett A. Sokolow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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President, ATIXA