

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

2/16/2017

RESOLUTION 2017.7

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Protecting Victims of Sexual Violence

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to the DPLC Platform of 2016, to "Ensure that those reporting that they are victims of sexual assault are treated seriously and with dignity;" and

WHEREAS, the 2015 UO Sexual Violence and Institutional Betrayal survey conducted by Dr. Jennifer Freyd found at least 13 percent of female undergraduate students at the University of Oregon reported they had been sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center reports "One in 5 women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college," and "More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault;" and

WHEREAS, SB 762, which was introduced in 2017 Oregon Legislative Session, would exempt sexual assault victims from arrest or prosecution for offense related to purchase or possession of alcoholic beverage by person under 21 years of age if evidence of offense was obtained because of contact with law enforcement agency or emergency medical services to report assault or obtain assistance, thereby making the act of reporting sexual violence safer for victims.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves to support HB 762, which would make sexual assault reporting safer for victims by exempting them from criminal prosecution for minor offenses related to the possession or use of alcohol.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, February 16, 2017**

Signed:

X _____.

Chris Wig
Chair

X _____.

Celine Swenson-Harris
Secretary