

GORDON SMITH: Fighting for Victims

Oregon State Senate

Tougher Penalties for Societies Worst Criminals

Voted for legislation to prohibit Oregon courts from treating felony sex crimes as misdemeanors. (HB 2682, 5/30/95)

Lead the Senate in passing a bill creating the crime of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the First, Second and Third Degree; signed into law. (HB 2692, 5/19/95)

Lead the Senate in passing a bill for harsher penalties for Harassment if contact involved sexual or intimate parts of the body; signed into law. (HB 3304, 5/19/95)

Lead the Senate in passing stricter registration of sex offenders, particularly Oregon residents who have been convicted of sex offenses outside of Oregon; signed into law. (HB 3345: 5/25/05)

Sponsored and voted for a bill to implement Measure 11 mandatory sentences for violent criminals under 18 and to require teenage sex offenders to register with the state. (SB 1-A, 3/30/05)

Lead the Senate in passing legislation expanding the crime of Sex Abuse to include victims incapable of consent due to mental incapacity; signed into law. (SB 943, 5/30/95)

Lead the Senate in passing legislation to fund the corrections system to enforce the penalties provided by Measure 11, including mandatory minimum sentences for Rape, Sodomy and Sex Abuse (HB 5018 & 5019, 5/2/95; 5029, 5/31/95)

US Senate

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PREDATORS: advocated for the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, which established a comprehensive national system for the registration of sex offenders and tougher requirements for sex offenders who fail to register. [HR 4472]

PROSECUTING CHILD SEX OFFENDERS: fought for an additional \$5 million in funding to hire additional Assistant U.S. Attorney for the prosecution of the sexual exploitation of children under the Adam Walsh Act. [S.AMDT 3290 to HR 3093]

STOPPING ONLINE PREDATORS: co-sponsored legislation to enhance and expand existing reporting requirements of websites and Internet service providers that discover child pornography [S. 519]. Smith also co-sponsored legislation to require schools receiving E-Rate funds to teach students about Internet safety and the dangers posed by social networking Web sites and chat rooms. [S 1965]

INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT: Smith took the boost programs that help victim of rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The March 2008 letter to appropriators requested full funding of the Violence Against Women Act programs in the Department of Health and Human Services at \$320 million and the Department of Justice at \$683 million in the GY2009 Congressional Budget.