The SAFE Model

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Why a permanent board was necessary?

THE TASK FORCE

Established by executive order

The SAFE Task Force was established by executive order.

Its continued existence depended on executive action by the Governor.

THE SAFE BOARD

Established in statute

Senator Kay Floyd championed legislation establishing the SAFE Board in statute. (SB 1933)

Effective **November 1, 2024.**

Task Force Accomplishments

Conducted a statewide audit to determine the number of unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs).

312

law enforcement agencies responded

7,270

untested SAKs were reported

Brought agencies and stakeholders together

Developed recommendations for statewide improvements

Legislative Accomplishments

2023

HB 2236: Increased compensation for sexual assault examinations by SANE nurses.

SB 619: Expanded the age range for child sexual abuse statements admissible under the law.

SB 1000: Authorized OSBI to inquire about SAKs not submitted within 20 days and initiate an investigation.

2024

SB 1658: Expanded the Statute of Limitations for victims of sexual abuse.

SB 1933: Established the SAFE Board in Statute.

Legislative Accomplishments, cont.

2025

HB 2705: Allowed sexual assault victims to request information regarding the forensic evidence of the case.

2026

HB 4104: Increases the penalties for peeping tom offenses.

HB 4141: Removes the sunset provision of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Coordinator.

What has worked?

- **Statewide Coordination**
- **Data-driven Recommendations**
- **Legislative Advocacy**
- **Dedicated Administrative Support by a State Agency**
- **Establishing the board in statute**
- **Protecting confidential information and investigative independence**

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