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U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici meets with staff at The Harbor to discuss domestic violence and sexual assault.

Bonamici addresses federal Violence Against Women Act

Act left out of recent spending agreement

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**
The Daily Astorian

With the decadesold Violence Against Women Act left out of a recent funding bill, U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici met with staff of The Harbor in Astoria on Tuesday to discuss how the decision could impact the organization and the services it provides around domestic violence and sexual assault in Clatsop County.

A funding bill approved by Congress and President Donald Trump this month did not extend the landmark act, which has lapsed. First enacted in 1994, the act provides grants and other support to groups that work on issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Though funding will continue through this year, the lapse leaves organizations wondering what the future will hold.

The majority of The Har-

bor's funding for core services is federal, said Hilary Ann Levine, the group's director of services.

"If this were to go away, we would definitely have to look at other funding sources," Levine said. While they wait to see what the ultimate fate of the Violence Against Women Act will be, "we're looking at all the possibilities of what could happen."

The Harbor has gone through a lot of ups and downs over the years, weathering major staff turnover, contentious leadership and facility changes. Through all that, "we have never stopped providing services," Levine said.

Bonamici said she was very frustrated.

"But we're not giving up," the Oregon Democrat said. "Unfortunately it did not make it into the spending bill that we passed to keep the government open, but many of us are very, very committed to making sure that it gets passed, but that it also gets passed in a way that's good policy that includes all women, not just some."

Seaside challenges drowning lawsuit

Oklahoma teen died in 2016

By **R.J. MARX**
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Seaside shouldn't be liable for a \$3.6 million claim filed by the family of an Oklahoma teenager who drowned in July 2016, lawyers for the city argue.

They have asked the Circuit Court to dismiss the lawsuit.

"The city denies any liability here, and doesn't believe the plaintiff has pled sufficient facts to state a claim," said Richard P. Freud, an attorney for City-county Insurance Services, representing the city.

At the time of the drowning, the teenager was visiting the North Coast for a family reunion. Conner Miguel Wu Moore, 14, of Tulsa, and his cousin were in the ocean at the foot of Broadway when lifeguards saw the teenagers struggling.

L. Nicole Moore seeks to hold the city liable for the wrongful death of her son, alleging the city did not post appropriate warning signs and lifeguards did not alert the family to the potential danger. After a



Josh Gilmore

A lawsuit has been filed over a drowning in Seaside in 2016.

rescue attempt, Moore was pronounced dead at Providence Seaside Hospital. His cousin survived.

Moore also alleges an invasion of privacy after her son's name was publicly released by the city after his death. The disclosure was a violation of federal and state medical privacy laws, she said.

In a response this month, the city argued Conner Moore should have exercised care in avoiding harm from an "activity that creates a hazardous condition."

The city is further protected by recreational

immunity, which applies if the principal purpose for entry upon the land is for recreation.

Since the incident happened in the ocean or shore, the city is not the proper party to bring a claim of negligence. "The state owns the shore, but nobody owns the ocean," Freud said.

Since the city's statements after the incident were done in an official capacity, the city is entitled to "absolute privilege from this (defamation) claim and cannot be held liable for the comments at issue."

Moore responded in a

memorandum of opposition to the request for dismissal, filed Tuesday.

Moore said the city fails to establish facts necessary for recreational immunity, and the city should be liable "if the defendant can reasonably foresee that there is an unreasonable risk of harm ... and the plaintiff is injured as a result of the failure to warn."

The city will respond to Moore's latest motion within the timeline provided by the court.

"I need a little more time to digest it and we will respond soon," Freud said.



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Protesters walk outside the El Paso Processing Center in El Paso, Texas, in 2018.

Lawmakers seek probe of ICE force-feeding of immigrants

Bonamici spearheaded the letter

By **GARANCE BURKE and MARTHA MENDOZA**
Associated Press

Nearly 50 Democratic lawmakers called for a watchdog investigation of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Tuesday after the agency confirmed it had been force-feeding immigrant detainees on a hunger strike.

Reporting by The Associated Press revealed late last month that nine Indian men who were refusing food at a Texas detention facility were being force-fed through nasal tubes against their will.

On Thursday, all force-feeding at the detention center near the El Paso airport abruptly stopped after a U.S. district judge said the government had to stop involuntarily feeding two of the detained immigrants.

The 49 lawmakers are calling for the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General to investigate on-site conditions of ICE facilities and the policies surrounding the involuntary force-feeding of immigrant detainees. Earlier this month, the Geneva-based United National human rights office said that

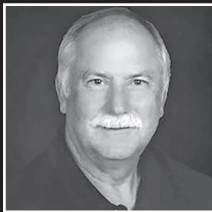
the United States could be violating the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

"We implore you to exercise your oversight responsibilities to make improving conditions at immigration detention facilities a top priority for ICE and ensure the humane treatment of detainees in federal custody," said the letter spearheaded by Oregon Democratic Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Texas Democratic Rep. Veronica Escobar, who toured the El Paso Processing Center and met with the men after the initial reports of the force-feeding. "These complaints reveal unequivocal abuses of power that violate the rights of detainees."

ICE declined to comment directly on the request for an investigation Tuesday but said the agency has "a strict zero-tolerance policy for any kind of abusive or inappropriate behavior in its facilities." The agency said that if allegations of inappropriate behavior surfaced, they would be investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General and ICE's Office of Professional Responsibility.

"For their health and safety, ICE closely monitors the food and water intake of those detainees identified as being on a hunger strike," the agency said in a statement. "ICE does not retaliate in any way against human rights strikers."

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