

SENATE BILL SB-74

Introduced by Senator Megan Dahle (R-1)

An act relating to Rural Sexual Assault Response and Survivor Access Act .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-74, Megan Dahle (R-1). Rural Sexual Assault Response and Survivor Access Act .

Existing California law establishes rights and protections for sexual assault survivors, including access to information about their rights and protections relating to medical forensic examinations. However, survivors in rural communities may face additional barriers when specialized medical personnel and support services are not readily available nearby.

This bill would establish the Rural Sexual Assault Response Grant Program, administered by the California Office of Emergency Services in coordination with the Department of Health Care Access and Information. The program would award grants to eligible rural hospitals, healthcare providers, and nonprofit sexual assault crisis service organizations to improve access to trained medical personnel, survivor advocates, and coordinated response services.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** yes.

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