

Oregon Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (OA-ACNM)  
Statement of Opinion on HB 2997  
Regarding Mandatory Licensure for Direct Entry Midwives  
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The Oregon Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (OA-ACNM) wishes to recognize the efforts of the legislative workgroup who developed HB 2997. Representatives Alissa Keny-Guyer, Julie Parrish, Val Hoyle, and numerous dedicated professionals have crafted a bill which addresses this timely, important issue. The OA-ACNM supports the spirit of this bill and the majority of its points. We do, however, strongly urge the House Health Care committee to consider the following recommendations:

1. Since the **purpose of professional licensure is protection of the public**, this should be clearly stated in the law.
2. There should be **no exclusions for mandatory licensure to practice midwifery** in the State of Oregon.
3. In the interest of transparency **those not licensed under the rules and regulations of Licensed Direct Entry Midwifery should not use the title "midwife"**. There are less misleading appellations that would more clearly describe the services offered by non-licensed individuals.
4. The law should state a **time limitation for "grand-mothering"** currently unlicensed DEMs into licensure.
5. The scope of practice of Licensed Direct Entry Midwives should be defined as "healthy women **with low risk pregnancies**".

Thank you for your consideration,  
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