

Hello Senator,

HB 3451 requires Oregon Health Authority to reimburse freestanding birthing center based on median cost to birthing centers providing services in this state.

HB 3456 requires health benefit plans to reimburse cost of care provided by licensed direct entry midwife at freestanding birthing center if care would be reimbursed if provided by licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner in hospital setting.

My wife and I had the intense pleasure and powerful experience of our daughter being born at Alma Midwifery in Portland. Their care was second to none and the experience was incredible. How incredible was it that our daughter was born amidst strong, educated and caring people. How powerful that she was born calmly and safely.

More Oregonians need access.

More Oregonians need the care.

Birth is a beautiful thing and should be experienced how the mother desires, not required to be treated in a hospital.

I would love to share our experience.

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