

Testimony submitted via email.

Chair Greenlick and members of the House Health Care Committee,

Please support HB 3135.

HB 3135 requires medical assistance coverage of long-acting, reversible contraceptive devices during a hospital stay for labor and delivery. This makes sense since it's preferable to address contraception during the inpatient stay.

HB 2527 defines “self-administered hormonal contraceptive” as it relates to Oregon's 2015 [landmark law](#), which made birth control available through an Oregon pharmacist without a prescription. Amendments to HB 2527 expand a pharmacist's ability to prescribe and administer injectable hormonal contraceptives as well.

Expanding access to injectable contraceptives is a good idea. However, I recommend HB 2527 be amended to require pharmacists advise these women of CDC [cervical cancer screening guidelines](#) when prescribing and administering contraceptives (both self-administered and injectable). It is important that a woman receives comprehensive reproductive health care, *whether it is through her family practitioner or a Planned Parenthood facility.*

I point out the following in this Lund Report guest column: [House Bill 3391 is about Church v State](#):

Sadly, [abortion rates are higher among women of color](#). The underlying reason for these disparities is financial access to health care. It's why there's a higher prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer and diabetes among these women too. When [free contraceptives are available, abortion rates plummet](#).

The House Health Care Committee should expand access to [free](#) contraceptives and comprehensive reproductive health care. Passing these two bills [in conjunction with the passage of HB 3391](#) would decrease unplanned births.

Respectfully,

Kris Alman MD

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HB2879>

<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/pdf/guidelines.pdf>

<https://www.thelundreport.org/content/house-bill-3391-about-church-v-state>

<https://www.guttmacher.org/gpr/2008/08/abortion-and-women-color-bigger-picture>

<https://thinkprogress.org/new-study-confirms-obamacares-birth-control-mandate-will-reduce-abortion-rate-1f60fb68a174#.s4yrgibzp>