

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,

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