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TO: The Honorable Senator Arnie Roblan, Chair
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 996

Chair Roblan and members of the committee; I am Jennifer Woodward, State Registrar, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority. I am here today to provide information on SB 996 related to providing birth information.

SB 996 creates the Oregon Bright Futures Fund at State Treasury and funds are made available to Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to establish a college fund for each child born in Oregon to Oregon residents. The bill directs the State Registrar to send a file quarterly of all births in secure manner for use by DCBS. This file would include the child's name, parents' names, county of birth and mother's mailing address. The bill specifies that an agreement be made between the Center for Health Statistics and DCBS on the transfer of data, storage of data and destruction of the data.

Since DCBS would have an official need for birth information to conduct its official duties under this bill, the Center for Health Statistics would be able to provide the data to them as outlined in the vital statistics statutes.

An operative date of January 1, 2018 will allow time to work with the OHA Information Security Office to prepare a data access agreement and to prepare the birth file.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I will be happy to be a resource to the committee.