



MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Mitch Greenlick, Chair, House Committee on Health Care
Rep. Rob Nosse, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Health Care
Rep. Cedric Hayden, House Committee on Health Care
Members of the House Committee on Health Care

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Re: Support for HB 3391

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 3391, the Reproductive Health Equity Act. This Act ensures that all Oregonian women have access to a full-range of preventive reproductive services by codifying them in state law without cost sharing and expands access to 48,000 women of reproductive age in Oregon who have been categorically excluded from Medicaid or coverage through the state exchange.

Many of our OMA members have dedicated their careers to caring for Oregon's most vulnerable and want every woman to have access to preventive reproductive health services so they can maintain their own health and economic viability; when these services are treated as preventive with no financial barriers (i.e. co-pays), a woman is more likely to have regular pap smears, mammograms, get tested for sexually transmitted infections and seek either prenatal or contraceptive management. Our members know that addressing reproductive health upstream, through initiatives like the *One Key Question* (which asks a woman if she would like become pregnant in the next year), plays a pivotal role in preventing the unintended consequences women suffer when unable to access preventive services.

By codifying these benefits, Oregonian women are not at risk of losing benefits that ensure their own health and economic security, their child's well-being and the health and resiliency of our communities. We applaud this upstream effort to promote health and hope that you will support HB 3391.

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