

TO: House Healthcare Committee
FROM: [REDACTED]
DATE: 2/13/17
RE: Vote YES on HB 2673

Chair Mitch Greenlick and Members of Committee:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2673, a bill to help transgender Oregonians.

Today the name change process is prohibitively costly, unwieldy, and potentially unsafe for transgender Oregonians. As a transgender person, I know too well why it's important having updated identity documents. If your name and gender marker do not match your identity documents, you risk being outed as transgender, which can lead to harassment, discrimination and sometimes violence.

Any steps we can take in Oregon to reduce barriers to updating identity documents will go a long way to helping reduce the discrimination many transgender people experience. HB 2673 is an opportunity to put this process in reach of transgender Oregonians and help us thrive.

Thank you for caring for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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