

Dear Committee Members:

I urge you to vote *No* on HB 4135. Please keep the protective cover that ORS127.531 provides for individuals who have filled out an advanced directive, no matter which state or territory such document originated in. We should not second-guess the original intentions of a person whose advanced directive does not provide explicit permission to withhold fluids and nutrition when said party is no longer capable of articulating a choice in that regard. To do so would undermine the very integrity of the advanced directive process.

Sincerely,

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