

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Committee,

As a consumer and provider of midwifery care, I am writing to ask you to support HB2845.

Midwives provide safe and effective care at a big cost savings to insurers and health systems. Yet many families cannot access midwifery care because about 50% of Oregon insurers (private and OHP) provide limited or no coverage for home birth and/or birth center care provided by midwives.

HB2845 will increase access to midwifery care for Oregon families regardless of where they choose to give birth and which providers they choose. And choice in reproductive health care is an essential value for me.

Please vote "yes" on HB2845 so that all Oregon families can access midwifery care. Thank you for your work supporting health mothers and babies in Oregon.

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