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House Committee on Health Care  
Testimony in Support of HB 4073 amended  
February 13, 2020, at 3pm, Hearing Room E

Chair Salinas, Vice-Chairs Hayden and Nosse, and members of the Committee,

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women and girls of Oregon, urges the committee to support the passage of HB 4073 amended to provide more affordable access to individuals who need insulin. HB 4073 will limit the amount of money in cost-sharing and out-of-pocket spending that health care plans can require enrollees to pay for insulin.

Insulin is essential to many Oregonians with diabetes, but it's becoming increasingly more expensive. Over the past 14 years, the price of insulin has risen by 550 percent, adjusted for inflation. The *Willamette Week* reported that some diabetics experience complications because they either have rationed out their insulin or stopped taking it all together, due to the high cost. Passing HB 4073 amended would mean that health care plans could not require enrollees to pay more than 75 dollars in cost-sharing and out-of-pocket spending for each supply of insulin. With 20,000 Oregonians diagnosed with diabetes every year, it's imperative that individuals who rely on daily doses of insulin receive affordable health care to ensure a better quality of life.

This issue is applicable to many individuals with diabetes in Oregon who need access to more affordable insulin. With HB 4073 amended, better health care can be provided to many who require prescription insulin in order to survive. The Oregon Commission for Women urges an Aye vote on HB 4073 amended.

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