



HB 2164-3 Amendment – Support

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Chair Prusak, Vice-Chair Hayden, Vice-Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has been advocating for issues that support hard working Oregonians, women and families since the 1970's. We supported the Cover All Kids efforts that have proven successful.

HB 2164 as amended would provide the next step in making Oregon's health care system more equitable as well as more effective.

Hard working, tax paying people who work in Oregon should have health care that is reliable and accessible.

HB2164-3 would improve the numbers of Oregonians who can access the health care system without the anxiety of being unable to afford care.

Many of those who would potentially be covered under this bill are frontline, essential workers who go to work every day. They help support the Oregon economy, they pay taxes, and yet they are unable to access affordable health care should a crisis emerge.

Everyone knows that preventative measures in health care will lead to better outcomes and lower costs for all. Yet those whom this bill would cover often are not able to access those preventative measures.

It is time for Oregon to cover those who help our economy, pay taxes and support our communities.

Please support HB2164-3 to provide support to those who support our communities by their work.

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