

Chair Prusak and Members of the Committee,

I would like to urge your support of HB2388. It is the year 2021 and the world has changed; it is time to update our access alternative healthcare to protect our families and others from the dangers of COVID19 and other future Coronavirus strains while giving birth.

The Oregonian newspaper and OPB have written stories, this year, about hospitals being overcrowded and about how hospital resources are being strained by the overwhelming impact of COVID19. HB2388 provides a healthy option for pregnant mothers and their children to access birthing options outside of these hospitals.

HB 2388 will ease the burden on hospitals and it will also give pregnant mothers the ability to give birth in a building that isn't housing COVID19 patients. This bill is a win-win for pregnant mothers and their families, as well as for hospitals, hospital staff and hospital resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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