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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: SB1530

### Support Oregon Families

Dear Committee Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about those struggling to build their family in our state, I strongly urge you to pass the infertility insurance bill before you, which will help Oregonians build their families when faced with cancer or other conditions that can cause infertility. Oregon families need your support now.

I need your support, along with the 1 in 8 couples in our state living with the disease of infertility and the thousands of Oregonians diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years.

My husband & I have been struggling with secondary infertility (I already have an older daughter) for 4 and a half years. This is 54 months of anxiety, stress, and expensive medical procedures that are not covered by insurance. This is 54 negative pregnancy tests, followed by tears and unimaginable sadness. Infertility is a disease. One that is not covered by insurance. I pay insurance premiums every month to cover treatment of diseases that I will likely never be diagnosed with or need treatment for. Infertility is a disease that should be added to this listed, so that those who are affected, can seek out treatment. Those who suffer from infertility, should have equitable access to fertility treatments. Insurance covers therapy to address the toll that has been taken on my mental health caused by infertility, but the underlying cause of infertility is not covered. Also - there are no ongoing services or care for infertility treatment. A woman would either choose to stop the treatments, or become pregnant and it rolls over to prenatal care, which is already a covered service.

It is time for Oregon to update its insurance laws to include coverage for the standard of care for patients with infertility and those diagnosed with cancer or other conditions that may cause infertility. By passing this pro-family legislation, Oregon will join 19 other states across the nation that help hardworking families get access to medically necessary treatments while only minimally impacting insurance premiums, if at all. States with IVF insurance have lower rates of multiple births than states without IVF coverage, and lowering multiple births decreases overall health care costs and results in healthier babies and healthier moms.

Please support Oregon families by moving this pro-family bill forward. Thank you!  
Sincerely,

Ashley Morrow