

I strongly support House Bill 2002. In a time when we are seeing and experiencing a calamitous reversal of rights across the country, in Oregon we will be on the right side of history by protecting the rights of reproductive health and of gender affirming healthcare. While Oregon's Constitution already protects abortion rights and reproductive healthcare, this House Bill wisely recognizes the need to strongly enact broad protections, as opponents strive to undermine these indispensable human rights. This House Bill also accomplishes needed protections for the healthcare providers whose expertise offers access to reproductive healthcare. House Bill 2002 also enacts necessary protection against attempts to undermine the rights of Oregon's trans population to gender-affirming healthcare. Despite legislation criminalizing gender affirming care, this crucial healthcare is increasing; studies show a 73% reduction in suicide in nonbinary and trans youth who have access to gender affirming care, and a significant decrease in long-term adverse mental health outcomes. Besides saving lives, we save taxpayer money and community when the health and wellness of constituents is protected. Wisely, House Bill 2002 protects against the infringement of these crucial and truly life-saving rights. I sincerely appreciate the vision and dedication of Speaker Rayfield's Reproductive Health and Access to Care Work Group and the development of this Bill to protect the rights of personal healthcare. I stand with House Bill 2002 and urge your yes vote in this critical time.

Respectfully, Sarabell Eisenfeld