

Submitter: Sabrina Sheehy

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

My name is Sabrina Sheehy and I am an LCSW, therapist, and mental health advocate in the Portland metro area. On behalf of myself, my clients, my friends, and my children, I am writing to support House Bill 2002. Closing gaps around access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming care is crucial to supporting the health and well-being of Oregonians and those seeking asylum in our state. Individuals have the right to choose. They have the right to be safely cared for by their medical providers, without fear of retribution, around what is the best for their bodies. What is happening in other states in this nation is dangerous and terrifying for those of us who have the potential to become pregnant and/or identify as LGBTQIA+. We need to safe-guard and further improve-upon the processes in Oregon which make our state one of the safest environments for reproductive healthcare and LGBTQIA+ healthcare. We should be proud that we support our citizens in this way and galvanize ourselves from influence of states who do not share our values. Please pass Bill 2002 so that myself, my clients, and my children will have the consistent protections of their bodies that they rely on to pursue life, liberty and their pursuit of happiness.

Thank you, Sabrina Sheehy, LCSW, MSW