

Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 4105- Nurse Family Partnership-Support

Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Scharf and members of the committee.

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition fully supports this bill and the request for funding. Anything that can be done to support families with small children will pay off in the future. Research has proven that programs like this get results.

By moving the non-federal match funding to the state and gradually adding programs in counties which currently do not have the program creates stability for Oregon's youngest children and their parents.

We all know that many counties are struggling with budgets due to the impact of the property tax system which no longer provides the same level of services as in 1990 when voters passed Ballot Measure 5 capping all general government spending at \$10 per thousand. That same \$10 requires \$23.31 in today's budget. That reflects a cumulative rate of inflation at 133.1%.

Please support HB 4105 for the sake of future Oregon babies.

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