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Senator Deb Patterson, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health Care  
State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

The Oregon Society of Medical Oncology (OSMO) and the Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) are pleased to support language in **SB 535** that would provide coverage of fertility preservation services for Oregon patients with cancer.

OSMO is a professional organization whose mission is to facilitate improvements for Oregon physician specialties in both hematology and oncology. OSMO members are a community of hematologists, oncologists, advanced practice providers, and other physicians who specialize in cancer care. ASCO is the world's leading professional society representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With over 50,000 members, our core mission is to ensure that patients with cancer have meaningful access to high-quality cancer care.

OSMO and ASCO believe that as part of education and informed consent before cancer therapy, health care providers should address the possibility of infertility with both male and female patients treated during their reproductive years. Providers should also be prepared to discuss fertility preservation options and/or refer all potential patients to appropriate reproductive specialists. As such, OSMO and ASCO advocate for coverage of embryo, oocyte and sperm cryopreservation procedures for an insured patient who is at least 18 years of age and has been diagnosed with cancer but has not started cancer treatment (including chemotherapy, biotherapy or radiation therapy treatment) in accordance with [guidelines](#) developed by our affiliate organization, the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

We encourage providers to advise patients regarding potential threats to fertility as early as possible in the treatment process to allow for the widest array of options for fertility preservation. OSMO and ASCO strongly support SB 535 and encourage the Committee to pass this bill as a key step to ensure coverage of fertility preservation services for patients with cancer. If you have questions or would like assistance on any issue involving the care of individuals with cancer, please contact Sarah Lanford at ASCO at [Sarah.Lanford@asco.org](mailto:Sarah.Lanford@asco.org).

Sincerely,

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