



Written Testimony in Support of HB 4088

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Dear Chair Representative Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written testimony **in support of HB 4088**. My name is Diana Nguyen, and I am a public health master's student from Beaverton, Oregon. I am also a Mental Health Coordinator for the Oregon Heals Coalition, an alliance of non-profit and advocacy organizations working together to achieve a mental health system in Oregon that is safe, equitable, affordable, culturally responsive, community-centered, and adequately serves those who have historically experienced the least access. This year, the Coalition built our 2026 Legislative Agenda with the community and determined HB 4088 would gain our support.

In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned the fundamental right to abortion recognized in *Roe v. Wade*. Without any federal standard, states are now able to set their own policies on abortion access. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 23 states have tried to implement a complete ban or a pre-viability ban on abortion.¹ Out-of-state policies are attempting to punish doctors who follow longstanding standards of care endorsed by the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other leading U.S. medical professional associations.² Federal actions have resulted in the closure of some health care services, reduced availability of care, and instances where patients have had to stop treatment. Families are having to pack up and move out of their home states where bans exist to find care in places like Oregon, where the care remains legal.³

The State of Oregon historically has led the nation by passing laws to protect reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, such as HB 2002, a shield law passed in 2023.⁴ The increasing number of threats in the last few years makes the need for this bill urgent. Oregonians cannot afford to wait. We must continue standing with our health care providers who provide us legal, essential, and quality health care, and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records.

¹ <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/abortion-in-the-u-s-dashboard/>

² <https://www.kff.org/lgbtq/health-policy-101-lgbtq-health-policy/>

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<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/10/09/two-years-on-oregons-transgender-health-care-law-faces-obstacles/>

⁴ <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Shield-Law-OR-Sep-2024.pdf>



HB 4088 is critical in safeguarding patient privacy, protecting medical providers from criminalization threats, and ensuring that all Oregonians can receive the health care they need without fear or discrimination.

I urge you to **vote “YES” on HB 4088** to protect patients, providers, and privacy in Oregon. Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the people of Oregon.

Thank you for considering my testimony,
Diana Nguyen
The Oregon Heals Coalition

