

February 2, 2026

To: House Committee On Judiciary
From: Zach Winston, Policy Director

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 4088

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Zach Winston; I am the Policy Director for the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC). The OJRC strongly supports HB 4088.

At a time when federal agencies and out-of-state officials are increasingly attempting to investigate, penalize, or intimidate patients and healthcare providers for care that remains lawful in Oregon, this legislation is both timely and necessary. HB 4088 reinforces Oregon's long-standing commitment to protecting patient privacy, provider safety, and access to evidence-based healthcare free from political interference.

This bill is especially important as reproductive health care and gender-affirming care face escalating attacks nationwide. Even in states where such care remains legal, fear of surveillance, subpoenas, extradition, and professional retaliation has already disrupted care, driven providers out of practice, and deterred patients from seeking medically necessary treatment. HB 4088 provides clear protections that allow healthcare professionals to continue serving patients without fear and ensures that Oregonians can access lawful care with dignity and confidentiality.

HB 4088 meaningfully strengthens Oregon law by prohibiting cooperation with out-of-state investigations targeting lawful healthcare, restricting non-fugitive extraditions, expanding professional protections to additional providers such as midwives, and closing critical gaps in privacy protections for healthcare workers. Importantly, it also safeguards sensitive patient data and ensures that name and gender marker changes filed with the courts are treated as confidential records.

What is at stake is not abstract. The ability to make personal medical decisions with one's physician, the confidentiality of private health information, and the safety of providers who follow established standards of care are foundational to a functioning healthcare system. When those principles are undermined, patients delay or forego care, providers leave practice, and public health suffers.

Oregon has a responsibility to act decisively to protect patients, providers, and personal privacy within its borders. HB 4088 does exactly that, while remaining consistent with Oregon values and existing legal frameworks.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088. Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to protecting the health, safety, and privacy of Oregonians.