



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

February 2, 2026

To: **Rep. Jason Kropf**, Chair, Vice Chairs, **Rep. Willy Chotzen** and **Rep. Kim Wallan**,
And Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Re: **HB 4088** – Privacy in Healthcare – **Support**

House Bill 4088 provides critical legal protections for people in need of reproductive or gender-affirming health care. The bill prohibits public employees or agents from providing information about reproductive or gender-affirming health care activities to, or assisting, federal or other state law enforcement agencies or private individuals in obtaining such information. The Governor is also proscribed from surrendering an individual who is receiving this care. In addition, HB 4088 clarifies that information regarding reproductive or gender-affirming health care is confidential and not admissible in judicial or administrative proceedings. Finally, persons practicing midwifery whose practice has resulted in a conviction or disciplinary action because of a practice that is lawful in the state may not be denied a license to practice in Oregon on that basis alone.

This bill seeks to stem an increasing effort to limit decision making in the most private of matters. Reproductive and gender-affirming care are essential for mental and physical health and well-being. They are a vital component of holistic health care and individuals' bodily autonomy, allowing people to make informed choices about their reproductive lives and gender identity and expression.

Care by midwives offers personalized and compassionate support in which patients are informed about and empowered to make their own healthcare decisions. The need for these services has become particularly acute in rural areas where obstetrical services have been limited or eliminated, creating "maternity deserts."¹

The League of Women Voters believes that every US resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes reproductive health. Further, the League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

We urge your Support for House Bill 4088.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Klein".

Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Garner".

Patricia Garner
Reproductive Health Portfolio

¹ [Portland Tribune, 9-22-2025](#); [JAMA: Obstetric Care Access at Rural and Urban Hospitals in the United States](#).