

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

My name is Elizabeth Webber, and I live in Portland, Oregon.

I am writing in strong support of HB 4088. This bill is a necessary step to ensure that people in Oregon can seek and provide lawful reproductive and gender-affirming health care without fear of out-of-state investigations, prosecution, or government intrusion into private medical decisions. Patients deserve to know their personal health information will remain confidential, and providers should not have to worry about legal retaliation simply for delivering care that is legal in our state. At a time when other states are attempting to extend their laws beyond their borders, Oregon has both the right and the responsibility to protect its residents and the medical professionals who serve them. No one should have to choose between their safety and their health care. This issue is personal to me because it affects people I care about, my family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, who rely on access to sensitive medical care. The fear created by shifting laws in other parts of the country is real, and this bill would help ensure that Oregon remains a place where people can receive care with dignity, privacy, and security. HB 4088 reflects Oregon's long-standing values of personal freedom, medical privacy, and compassionate care. I urge you to vote yes on this bill.