

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

My name is Ka'imialaimaka La Vine, PMHNP-BC. I live and practice in Beaverton, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088. As both a Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse Practitioner and Native Hawaiian mahu (two spirit or nonbinary), this bill is especially important to me because I am concerned about providing high-quality, evidence-based care to my clients who identify as LGBTQ+, as well as my own safety and wellbeing as a nurse. Strengthening protections for patients, providers, and medical support staff is long overdue, and Oregonians deserve to both provide and access care that is not only safe, but also honors and respects our identities and unique, lived experiences. This bill is a necessary step in ensuring that: Quality of care is maintained: Safe environments offer stability and improve patient outcomes Providers are protected: Protects against the threat of extradition or professional discipline for providing evidence-based care to LGBTQ+ clients Safeguarding personal identity: Privacy regarding legal identity is a matter of physical safety and personal dignity, especially for nonbinary and transgender clients. As a PMHNP, my ability to treat patients relies on trust, and this bill ensures that clinical conversations about care remain confidential from out-of-state investigations. By passing HB 4088, it sends a message that Oregon values its healthcare workforce, as well as our LGBTQ+ community. I urge you to vote in favor of this measure. Me ka 'oia'i'o (Sincerely), Ka'imialaimaka La Vine, PMHNP-BC