

Testimony in Opposition to HB 4127
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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Diehl and Nelson and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, and I serve as the State Representative for House District 58. Today, I'm submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 4127.

HB 4127 directs the state to create new payment mechanisms and grant programs using Oregon taxpayer dollars to fund so-called "prohibited entities," even after federal law has determined those entities are not eligible to receive federal Medicaid funds. In plain terms, this bill asks Oregon taxpayers to backfill federal restrictions by explicitly routing state dollars to abortion providers.

I am firmly pro-life, and I believe public dollars should be used to protect life, support families, and strengthen essential healthcare—not to subsidize organizations whose primary business includes abortion. Oregon already allows abortion access far beyond what most states permit. HB 4127 does not expand healthcare access for rural or underserved communities; **it prioritizes a narrow set of politically favored providers.**

This bill also raises serious fiscal and policy concerns. It declares an emergency, creates a new fee-for-service payment structure, and establishes a grant program with no clear fiscal impact statement. At a time when Oregonians are struggling with the cost of living, housing shortages, and limited access to primary care—especially in rural and Eastern Oregon—this is not where scarce state resources should be directed.

If the goal is truly patient care, Oregon should be investing in community health centers, rural clinics, maternity care, mental health services, and providers who offer comprehensive, life-affirming care. HB 4127 instead doubles down on one type of provider, regardless of federal concerns, ethical objections, or broader healthcare needs.

Oregon should not be using state funds to override federal guardrails, nor should it be forcing taxpayers to bankroll practices many Oregonians deeply oppose. This bill moves us further away from accountability, balance, and respect for life.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose HB 4127.

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