

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, and I am a current Beaverton City Councilor submitting testimony in my personal capacity. I strongly support SB 1570, the Healthcare without Fear Act.

I want to thank Senators Patterson and Campos, and the ONA, for working on this important topic. Oregon's healthcare system depends on environments where medical decisions are made solely for the benefit of the patient. When outside agencies operate inside health care facilities without clear rules, it causes disruption and risk to patients' and employees' health, safety, and well-being. President Trump and Kristi Noem have made it clear that they will kidnap and arrest anyone, regardless of place, including when the people they are taking are seeking medical care.

Hospitals across Oregon and the nation have already experienced incidents where ICE has entered treatment areas without authorization, disregard for established SOP, and created obstacles for clinicians trying to do their jobs and protect their patients. These situations have put staff in impossible positions and made our medical facilities less safe.

These are not isolated concerns; they reflect gaps in our health systems that leave our health care facilities and workers vulnerable and patients unprotected.

SB 1575 addresses these gaps and helps protect facilities, providers, employees, patients, and their families. I urge your support for the Healthcare without Fear Act to uphold Oregon's commitment to accessible, reliable, AND uninterrupted healthcare.