

From: Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
Re: Support of HB 4127
Date: 2/4/26

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Diehl, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP AFT-5017), thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of HB 4127. OFNHP represents more than 7,000 nurses and health professionals across Oregon and Southwest Washington who provide direct patient care and understand how vital access to affordable, inclusive health care is for the well-being of our communities.

Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider serving patients in all 36 counties of Oregon. Every day, patients turn to Planned Parenthood for high-quality, affordable medical care, including reproductive and preventive health services. As health care providers know how essential these services are, particularly for marginalized and underserved populations.

Planned Parenthood provides far more than reproductive health care. Its health centers have made sustained, intentional efforts to ensure care is accessible and affirming for all patients by educating staff, adapting services, and expanding care into rural and medically underserved areas where options are limited or nonexistent.

For many Oregonians, especially those enrolled in Medicaid and those living in rural or medically underserved communities, Planned Parenthood is the only reliable source of affordable reproductive and preventive health care. This includes access to cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, HIV prevention, contraception, and other essential non-abortion health services.

Since July 4, the Trump administration's attacks on sexual and reproductive health care and its efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers have had devastating consequences nationwide. At least 20 health centers have been forced to close, leaving thousands of patients with nowhere to turn. These actions disproportionately harm LGBTQ+ individuals and rural communities by restricting access to essential preventive care.

Here in Oregon, Planned Parenthood affiliates continue to maximize care delivery, operate efficiently, and fundraise aggressively. However, philanthropy cannot replace the Medicaid system. Oregon cannot rely on private donations to sustain care that should be guaranteed through public investment. Legislative action is necessary.

Oregon simply cannot replace the scope or scale of care delivered by Planned Parenthood if its health centers were forced to close. In states that failed to act following

similar federal defunding efforts, we are already seeing immediate and severe disruptions to patient care.

HB 4127 creates a clear and responsible path forward to ensure that patients with Medicaid, and all Oregonians, continue to have access to the affordable, high-quality care they need and deserve. We urge your support for HB 4127 and thank you for your commitment to protecting access to health care for Oregon's most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,
Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals