

Support House Bill 4075

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Below are my remarks as prepared for public testimony during yesterday's public hearing:

Good afternoon, Chair Nosse, and Vice Chairs Diehl and Nelson -

My name is Claire Lynn. I would like to express my strong support for House Bill 4075.

But more importantly, I wanted to share with you a statement from one of the two practicing OBGYN's at the Bay Area Hospital, Dr. Kimberly James, who helps deliver the 500+ babies born in Coos Bay every single year:

"It has been the joy of my professional life being able to provide care for so many women in my hometown and the place my husband and I choose to call home.

To put into perspective how crucial our rural hospital is, we are the only maternity ward between Brookings and Eugene - a 215 mile distance, which is the same as driving from Salem to Portland and back... TWICE.

This legislation is vital to the survival of our hospital and would ensure we can continue to provide critical care for rural Oregonians.

House Bill 4075 would relieve a tremendous amount of stress felt by providers and our community at large.

I ask that you please consider voting yes."