

February 23, 2026

Re: YES on HB 4088

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dane Zahner, and I live in Oakland, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 4088, the Strengthening Patient and Provider Privacy Act.

I am a general member of Oregon's LGBTQIA+ community and truly understand from my engagement with the community how important this bill is.

I believe that personal health care decisions should be made between patients and their providers. HB 4088 helps protect that principle by strengthening Oregon's laws that safeguard access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment when that care is lawful in our state.

In rural Oregon, specifically, barriers exist for individuals who are Trans, nonbinary, and the general LGBTQIA+ community as a whole. Reproductive rights and gender affirming care are key protections needed for women and the LGBTQIA+ community.

I support HB 4088 because it:

- Limits the use of Oregon public resources to assist out-of-state investigations into care that is legal here
- Strengthens confidentiality protections for sensitive health information
- Protects providers from being penalized in Oregon for delivering lawful care
- Helps ensure that people in our state can seek care safely and with dignity

In communities like mine, access to care and trust in the health system are already fragile. Clear protections for patients and providers help people feel safe seeking the care they need.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Sincerely,

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General community member of Douglas County and the State of Oregon