



February 23, 2026

Re: YES on HB 4088

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

My name is Michelle Glass, and I submit this testimony on behalf of SO Health-E, the Southern Oregon Regional Health Equity Coalition. We strongly support HB 4088.

SO Health-E works closely with communities across Jackson and Josephine Counties to identify the policies that most impact health and well-being. Protecting access to the full range of health care services in Oregon is the top priority of community members we have heard from over the last 6 months. This bill protects access to health care services that are legal in Oregon, and that patients have the right to access without fearing for their privacy or safety.

HB 4088 appropriately limits the use of Oregon public resources to support out-of-state or federal investigations into care that is lawful here. **This is critical in a time where wise use of Oregon's state budget and agency resources is a top concern.**

The bill also strengthens privacy safeguards by making individually identifiable health information confidential, nondiscoverable, and inadmissible in most proceedings unrelated to program administration. **In rural communities especially, privacy is not an abstract concept. When confidentiality is not protected, fear and misinformation can spread quickly, deterring people from seeking care.**

In addition, HB 4088 strengthens protections for health care professionals, including direct entry midwives, so they are not penalized in Oregon solely for providing care that is lawful here and delivered in accordance with the standard of care. **Workforce stability is already a challenge in many parts of Southern Oregon. Providers need clarity and assurance that they can practice within Oregon law without exposure to out-of-state retaliation.**

HB 4088 is about protecting patient privacy, supporting providers, and upholding Oregon's authority to define and defend lawful health care within our borders. It provides clear guardrails while maintaining appropriate exceptions required by federal law.

We urge you to vote YES on HB 4088.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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