



February 23, 2026

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 4088 A-Engrossed

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing to express support for HB 4088 A. This bill affirms Oregon's commitment to protecting access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment, and it establishes essential safeguards to prevent the misuse of federal or interstate investigative or legal mechanisms against patients, providers, or supporters of care that is fully lawful within our state.

The Bend City Council has been clear in its commitment to ensuring that all community members, including those identifying as TwoSpirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender (2SLGBTQIA+), are treated with dignity, equity, and respect. In May 2025, The Bend City Council adopted Resolution 3425, Reaffirming Support for Bend's 2SLGBTQIA+ Community. The resolution documented the discrimination, violence, and systemic barriers faced by transgender and gender-expansive individuals and pledged to oppose laws and policies at any level of government that threaten their safety, autonomy, or wellbeing.

Our resolution also affirmed:

- The right of individuals to seek, obtain, provide, or facilitate gender-affirming care that is legal in Oregon.
- The duty of the City to reject policies that undermine rights or inflict harm, especially those targeting transgender and non-binary youth.
- Our commitment to protecting the dignity, safety, and human rights of every member of our community.

HB 4088 A aligns directly with these values. By clarifying that Oregon will not participate in out-of-state investigations or civil/criminal actions targeting gender-affirming or reproductive health care that is legally protected in Oregon, the bill provides necessary legal certainty and protection for patients, providers, and families. The bill also strengthens confidentiality protections for sensitive health-related information.



As a city, we recognize the profound impact that supportive, affirming policies have on reducing harm and improving mental health outcomes. This bill is an important step in ensuring that our community members can access the care they need without fear, harassment, or government interference and that healthcare providers can continue to provide effective and evidence-based care without fear of repercussions.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this critical issue. I respectfully urge the Committee to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

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Melanie Kebler, Mayor
City of Bend