



February 23, 2026

RE: Pass HB 4088 A

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

On behalf of the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA), we write to support House Bill 4088.

OHEA is a people of color-led collaborative, organized to center and uplift the wisdom of our communities of color through racial justice informed health equity policies and practices since 2012. OHEA serves Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties as one of nine regional health equity coalitions across Oregon.

With increasing attacks from the federal administration on reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, patients are concerned for the continuity of their care and health care professionals are fearful for their safety. This bill is critical in safeguarding patient privacy, protecting medical providers from mounting criminalization threats, and ensuring that all Oregonians can receive the health care they need without fear or discrimination. The rising number of threats in the last few years makes this bill urgent. Oregonians cannot afford to wait. In Oregon, this care remains legal and providers should be able to deliver it without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation.

Here at OHEA we believe everyone deserves access to medical care, free from interference, stigma or surveillance. Health care is a human right and lives are at stake if we do not put protections in place. Transgender people are being targeted with overwhelming attacks on health care, human rights, and basic safety - our communities are relying on us to ensure their rights are prioritized and protected by the state.

HB 4088 protects access to evidence-based health care in Oregon, including the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician, without fear or intimidation of government interference. As federal and out-of-state threats escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records.

In 2025, the U.S. The Department of Justice (DOJ) initiated wide-ranging overbroad investigations into gender-affirming care for minors, issuing more than 20 subpoenas to hospitals, clinics, and physicians across the country. These subpoenas aimed to identify providers and patients involved in gender related care for individuals under 19, often demanding sensitive medical records and personal identifiable patient



information. Executive orders, memos, and proposed rulemaking in 2025 explicitly targeted reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care access and funding.

We urge you to vote YES on HB 4088 to protect patients, providers, and privacy and continue to defend the excellent healthcare we provide to Oregonians.

Thank you for your time, and commitment to the people of Oregon.

Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA)