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To: House Committee on Health Care

From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)

Re: Support of SB1568A

Date: February 24, 2026

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Diehl, Vice-Chair Nelson, and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) supports SB 1568 and we strongly urge you to pass this important health care legislation this year.

Over the past few years, Oregon has experienced a decrease in perinatal health care services for our moms and their babes. More perinatal providers have left care facilities than have been hired. During the 2025 legislative session, SB692 was passed to bolster the structure of the doula and lactation support communities. This expanded access to community-based health care for pregnant Oregon mothers and their baby's first year.

In implementing SB692, it was found that some technical irregularities needed correction to smooth the process. Hence the bill, SB1568A was born. It provides changes in statutory language for clarification of doula classifications; benefit requirements; technical corrections to access the perinatal fund; moving lactation counselor credentialing to the Traditional Health Worker Commission; and moves the implementation date out to 2028.

In addition, SB1568A will codify the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative at OHSU. This collaborative coordinates statewide efforts to improve Oregon perinatal health care and implements evidence-based practice and policy change. This was funded in 2025.

I write on behalf of COIN is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Please vote YES on SB1568A to improve the health care of Oregon moms and babes with no further cost to the state.

Respectfully,

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COIN Legislative team