

Submitter: Emily Puterbaugh  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088  
RE: Support for HB 4088

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee,

My name is Emily Puterbaugh, and I am a pediatrician and member of the Oregon Pediatric Society, and a parent. I am writing today in support of House Bill 4088, as a means of strengthening the protections around reproductive health and gender affirming care.

When treatments are monitored and protected by licensing agencies, we can protect patients from bad actors. We must strengthen protections for our patients and healthcare providers so that, as providers, we can continue to provide medically necessary and scientifically supported care. With growing threats on the federal level, it is absolutely urgent that we protect our patients and providers in Oregon, so people can continue to receive essential, life-saving healthcare without threat or interference.

By protecting the right to access reproductive health care, including gender affirming care, we are protecting people's ability to access vetted, qualified and tracked clinicians. Access to safe and legal options for full spectrum and developmentally appropriate reproductive health care and gender affirming care is absolutely crucial and lifesaving.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 4088.

Sincerely,

Emily Puterbaugh, MD