
From: Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
Re: Support for HB 4088 A
Date: 2/23/26

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP), we write in strong support for HB 4088 A. OFNHP represents more than 7,000 nurses and healthcare professionals across Oregon and Southwest Washington who provide direct patient care. We appreciate your engagement on issues that protect our members' ability to provide evidence-based patient care without fear of penalty or criminalization from entities outside of Oregon.

Some of the professionals we represent are the clinicians who would be directly protected by this bill and who provide these critical sectors of healthcare every day, including nurse midwives, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, social workers, nurses, and care navigators. The care they provide is completely legal according to applicable Oregon statutes, and we respect the bounds of HB 4088 A that does not intend to alter any structure of reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare currently being provided to Oregonians.

This legislation is critical to safeguarding patient privacy, protecting health care providers from growing criminalization threats, and ensuring that all Oregonians can access medically necessary care without fear of discrimination, retaliation, or legal risk. Unfortunately, providers and health systems nationwide are increasingly facing pressure from out-of-state laws and enforcement efforts. This climate of uncertainty has real consequences: providers may hesitate to offer care in vitally life-saving moments, patients may delay or avoid seeking treatment that will undoubtedly have negative effects on long-term health outcomes, and confidential health information may be put at risk. HB 4088 A addresses these challenges directly and responsibly.

For nurses and health professionals, patient privacy is not an abstract concept; it is foundational to ethical practice and quality care. Patients must be able to trust that their personal health information will not be used against them, and providers must be able to practice evidence-based

medicine without fear of criminal or civil repercussions from outside Oregon.

Fundamentally, Oregon has long been a leader in protecting both worker rights and patient rights. HB 4088 A continues that legacy by affirming that medically necessary care should be guided by clinical judgment, not political intimidation or surveillance.

By strengthening Oregon's existing protections through limiting out-of-state actions against patients and non-fugitive health care providers, expanding licensing and professional protections so providers can continue practicing without fear, enhancing privacy safeguards for a broader range of health care workers, and reinforcing patient data protections, OFNHP believes HB 4088 A can be a critical piece of legislation that safeguards the quality of care that Oregonians deserve and respects the clinicians that provide it, and we are thankful for the bill sponsors who are prioritizing this need.

For these reasons, the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals respectfully urges your support for HB 4088 A.

Thank you for your dedication to the protection and well-being of healthcare workers and patients of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals