

February 25, 2026

RE: Re: YES on HB 4088

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

My name is Liz James, and I live in Jacksonville, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 4088, the Strengthening Patient and Provider Privacy Act. As an older member of Oregon's LGBTQIA2S+ population, through my lived experience and leading a health nonprofit dedicated to serving LGBTQ+ women and transgender men in Texas, where there were no protections, I know how critically important this bill is.

I support HB 4088 because it:

- Limits the use of Oregon public resources to assist out-of-state investigations into care that is legal here
- Strengthens confidentiality protections for sensitive health information
- Protects providers from being penalized in Oregon for delivering lawful care
- Helps ensure that people in our state can seek care safely and with dignity

In communities like mine, access to care and trust in the health system are already fragile. Clear protections for patients and providers help people feel safe seeking the care they need.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz James  
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