

Testimony In Support of HB 4073

To the House Committee on Healthcare,

I am a Type I Diabetic.

I was diagnosed at 16. As a teenager the diagnosis was shocking but the bigger shock came after college working my first job, struggling to pay for all of my medicine. The excitement that I should have felt graduating college with honors and entering the job market was nonexistent compared to the fear and anxiety of paying for life sustaining medical supplies. In this critical time I wanted to be an adult and find my own way to pay, thinking I could factor the expense into a monthly budget. That lead me to insulin rationing to save money. That is wrong. Extremely wrong. We are better than this, Oregon is better than this.

My out of pocket cost for 30 days of 1 of the 2 types of insulin I need to take everyday is over 500 dollars. Deciding between rent and insulin is not something anyone should face.

Type I Diabetes was passed down to me. There is nothing I could do to prevent this disease but it does not need to be a death sentence. Please, I urge you to vote in support of HB 4073. It will save Oregonians lives.

Thank You,

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