

On behalf of myself and the staff and board of Portland's LGBTQ+ Community Center (Q Center), we are proud to stand behind HB 2958. Having personally worked in the field of HIV specialty pharmacy in the 1990's through 2011 and then in HIV & LGBTQ+ advocacy from 2011 forward, I can attest to the harm in having barriers between pre and post exposure prophylactic antiretroviral drugs. Creating accessible pathways to HIV prevention tools will increase positive health outcomes and reduce infections - along with the consequent healthcare cost/burden - in the the future.

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