

Submitter: Max McGrath-Riecke

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Date: March 21st, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Max McGrath-Riecke

RE: Support HB 2002

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Max McGrath-Riecke, and I am writing to express support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, which will help create a future in which everyone in Oregon has the ability to make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

Everyone deserves access to life-saving medical care. Nobody should be denied gender affirming care. In 2023 alone, more than 300 bills attacking LGBTQ+ people have been introduced to state legislatures across the country. As transgender rights in particular are under attack nationwide, Oregon has an opportunity to continue standing as a leader for LGBTQ+ rights and health care access. Access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic human right.

I am a member of the queer & trans community, and have been producing grassroots queer art in Portland for over 20 years. I've seen first-hand the beauty and creativity of our community, and feel passionately that we need protection and support, in order to keep living our truths, creating art, and making our communities vibrant and full of love.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Max McGrath-Riecke