

Date: March 22, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Erin Donovan, FNP-BC

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Erin Donovan, FNP-BC. I am a nurse practitioner who focused on women's health for over 20 years, and I am writing to express **support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care**. This bill will help create a future in which everyone in Oregon can make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

Health care, including sexual and reproductive care is a basic human right and the full range of services need to be available. Currently, for many Oregonians, reproductive and gender affirming care are still out-of-reach due to geography, income, or insurance coverage. No matter where someone lives or their income, they deserve to receive the medical care they need. Expanding services at existing health centers at public institutions, as listed in this bill, helps to make that care more accessible.

As a provider, it is critical that I and other healthcare providers can provide counseling and treatments matching the standards of care to our patients without fear of prosecution. Many states have enacted laws attacking providers and patients for providing or seeking reproductive or gender affirming care. This legislation protects individuals from prosecution for seeking or supporting reproductive and gender affirming care that is legal in our state.

As a mother of two daughters, I want to make sure they have access to the whole range of reproductive care. They should have the ability to make choices about their own reproduction, including abortion. While I hope as a parent they would come to me if they were thinking about getting an abortion, they, like all individuals, should have the ability to decide on their own without parental input.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Donovan, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC