

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

As a Certified Nurse Midwife and Professor of Nursing at Linfield University in Portland, Oregon, I view the issues addressed within SB 1041 as being set to amend present-day barriers to health care faced by our populace.

One in eight menstruating people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Through yearly mammogram screening starting at age 40, breast cancer deaths are reduced by 40%.

Despite the awareness of this disease, its overwhelming prevalence in menstruating people, and the need for radiologic studies to diagnose it, there are direct limitations related to cost for persons seeking care.

SB 1041 addresses these financial inequities residents face by removing these barriers from those seeking care. This bill may aid in earlier diagnosis, reduce financial strain, and improve health outcomes for our constituents.

Thank you for your time,



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