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Testimony in Support of HB 4091

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Good afternoon Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and members of the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee.

For the record, my name is Hai Pham, State Representative for House District 36.

Thank you for the time and opportunity to present and testify in support of HB 4091 today. As many of you may remember from our discussion back in January Legislative days, this bill was introduced last session as [HB 3157](#) and passed this committee with strong bi-partisan support.

[HB 4091](#) creates a two year pilot for the Health Insurance Mandate Review Advisory Committee. The Committee is directed to help clarify the scope of a proposed mandate and compile relevant data, analyze equitable access to care, and truly study the impacts, costs, and benefits of an insurance mandate. I want to emphasize that the Committee is a non-partisan body and will not make recommendations about policy.

Speaking as a legislator and a member that serves on this House committee, I believe that it is essential that legislators and decision-makers have detailed and thorough information to better understand the many insurance mandates that we are asked to consider. I am personally looking forward to having this information, and better understanding the social and financial impacts to Oreognians in meeting the needs of our state. HB 4091 will give us an opportunity to take a holistic perspective to make evidence-based decisions to benefit consumers, providers, and payers.

In establishing a timely process, we can:

1. Eliminate disparities and gaps in health care coverage.
2. Increase transparency and strengthen our democratic process.

I am proud of the many chief and regular sponsors we have for the bill, many of whom also serve on this policy committee and recognize the need for a clear and strong process. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today.

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