

**February 6, 2024**

**HB 4104 – Designation of state holiday relating to heart condition**

There are many heart conditions that can be life threatening. I know this personally, having recently had heart surgery. It was through doctor visits that my condition was determined. Having a state holiday, as described in the bill's Digest statement, would have not had an impact on my decision to have surgery. Does this bill propose to send funds to clinics in Oregon to do screening? If not, it will not accomplish much. Honestly, there are more important issues facing Oregon.

Secondly, if this bill passes, it would not likely be signed until sometime in March 2024. This would make the first occurrence of the holiday next year, on February 26, 2025. So, I don't see how this bill qualifies for an "Emergency" declaration. At a minimum, please remove line 2 from the bill.

Sincerely,  
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