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Oregon House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare  
900 Court St. NE,  
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Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I write in strong support of HB 2959.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

One in six individuals or couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility cuts across socioeconomic levels, racial identities, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and religious affiliations. Many medical conditions can impact fertility, which is why ASRM, the WHO, the CDC, and other medical organizations recognize infertility as a disease. As such, infertility, like other diseases, should be covered by health insurance so that Oregonians can access the care they need to build their families.

HB 2959 addresses the inequities many face when building their families. Because medical intervention using donor gametes is necessary for same-sex couples to have a baby, the lack of insurance coverage creates an unfair financial burden on this population. As well, analyses by both the CDC and

Pew Research Center reveal startling racial disparities in fertility treatment. Passing HB 2959 will improve access to care and outcomes for all Oregonian communities, including racial and ethnic minorities.

For these reasons and more, I urge the Committee to support HB 2959. For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, ASRM's Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at [Stipton@asrm.org](mailto:Stipton@asrm.org) or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

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