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ACOG Testimony Regarding HB 2959: Fertility Coverage

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Javadi, and members of the committee,

My name is Julia Barnes, MD, FACOG, and I am a physician licensed in obstetrics and gynecology. On behalf of myself, my patients, and the 712 practicing ob-gyns of the Oregon Section of ACOG, we would like to express our support for HB 2959, which allows insurance coverage for fertility services.

Infertility affects the lives of anyone wanting to build their family. Many people strongly desire to create a family, and support to build that family should be available without discrimination.

As an ob-gyn, I see many women who struggle with infertility. For many, the costs of the testing, labs, medications, and treatment are outside their financial ability. They hope for a family and are devastated when they are unable to conceive. One family, in which the husband has aspermia, needed to have IVF treatments, and finally was able to conceive with donor sperm. Another woman had polycystic ovary syndrome and just needed some ovulation medication and intrauterine insemination to become pregnant. Fertility treatments change lives and help families grow.

This bill helps eliminate the socioeconomic disparities between racial and ethnic minorities and disparities based on sexual orientation for those striving to create a family. Fertility services should be available for all who want a family, not just for the privileged and wealthy. It also helps protect those who may have infertility due to cancer treatments and whose ovarian or testicular tissue may need to be preserved for future use.

I would ask on behalf of the Oregon Section of ACOG that you support HB 2959, allowing insurance coverage for fertility services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.