

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I am writing today to share my full support for House Bill 3064. This bill is so important for women in Oregon who often struggle with obtaining necessary health care services during perimenopause, menopause, and post menopause.

Thank you Representative Boshart Davis for bringing forward this important legislation that requires some health insurers, the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), and the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) to cover treatment for menopause symptoms, including hormone therapies, SSRIs, and medications for osteoporosis.

In central Oregon, access to specialized care is limited, and for most women, the cost of these treatments without insurance is far too high. These health care coverage gaps can significantly impact a woman's quality of life, including long-term health risks. From educators to public employees, these women are our neighbors, our colleagues, and our community leaders, and it is our duty as a legislature to provide them with the health care they deserve during such a pivotal stage in their lives.

This bill will make a significant difference for women across Oregon. I urge your support.

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