

Submitter: Anna Gill  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1039

Dear Chair Reynolds and Members of the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health,

My name is Anna Gill and I am a nurse educator with 15 years experience in obstetrics and newborn care, as well as an NPR (neonatal resuscitation) instructor at Santiam Hospital, which houses a small Family Birth Center in Stayton, Oregon. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on SB 1039 to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in Oregon.

I was trained at a large teaching hospital in the Midwest, then have gone on to work at 3 different hospitals in the state of Oregon, 1 big and 2 small. It has been shocking to say the least, to see how limited the resources are for quality improvement and the education and training of staff in maternal and newborn health in the two smaller hospitals I have worked at, one I continue to work at in Oregon. OPC has been a huge advocate of statewide maternal & infant health quality improvement since 2012 and this year visited my small hospital to learn of the unique challenges we face and invited us to join their quality improvement initiatives. With stable and renewed funding from the legislature, I believe OPC can make a remarkable difference in our maternal and infant health crisis. I have partnered with OPC to represent my hospital and am dedicated to improving maternal and infant health outcomes. The job is insurmountable at times, but without the support of OPC, I wouldn't even know where to begin.

Please vote yes on SB 1039 to improve maternal and infant health in Oregon. Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies.

Sincerely,  
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