



March 14, 2025

To: OR Senate Committee on Healthcare

Re: SB1137

Dear Senators,

I am writing on behalf of COIN to give testimony to this bill. For 39 years it was my privilege to practice Family Medicine with disadvantaged communities in rural locations in NE Arizona and central Washington state. Today I am retired and reside in Hood River.

SB1137 Requires health benefit plans to cover autologous breast reconstruction procedures and related services with specific requirements related to out-of-pocket costs, utilization review, reimbursement rates and network adequacy.

Autologous breast reconstruction is a surgical procedure primarily used for women who have had mastectomy as part of their breast cancer treatment. Please do not consider this a cosmetic procedure. Rather, it is an important part of reclaiming personhood after cancer therapy. Please consider this as essential therapy.

COIN strongly endorses this bill and its passage into law.

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network - COIN - is made up of Indivisible groups from across Oregon. COIN's members work to protect democracy and promote progressive values including through legislation.

Respectfully,

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