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As a business leader and breast cancer survivor I encourage the support of this bill. There are very few microsurgeons in Oregon performing this specialized type of breast reconstruction. Allowing for out of state options could allow for better breast reconstruction outcomes with fewer complications, resulting in a faster return to work. That's good for the patient and the local economy.

At not even 40 years old, a dear friend experienced this. Watching her have to step back from her daily life with her family and business was terrible. She wanted to find the best surgeon specializing in this type of breast reconstruction surgery. The best was not available in her home state of Oregon. An already staggering cancer diagnosis, coupled with navigating an inadequate insurance system made that year even worse. If we have the power to make greater options in personal health care decisions easier, why wouldn't we?

Breast cancer survivors just want to get back to life. Allowing options for specialized surgical reconstruction outside of the state does this. This proposed bill offers expanded access to already approved treatments, allowing women improved choices in their own healthcare decisions.

I urge your support of SB1137