



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

SB 1137 autologous breast reconstruction procedures-Support

Vice-Chair Hayden and Members of the Committee

Since 1973 the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has numerous times supported health insurance coverage for various health issues. The current bill is yet another situation where women need to fight for insurance coverage for procedures that enhance their physical and psychological health when faced with serious medical conditions.

From the stories that women have shared about their experiences in trying to obtain insurance coverage for autologous breast reconstruction procedures you can observe the problem. We do not need to elaborate.

The instance of breast cancer in Oregon women is 131.1 per 100,000 women and is going up. 1

Passage of this bill will be a continuation of many similar efforts to have adequate insurance for medical conditions that only apply to women.

Please pass this bill so that some of the financial burdens will be lessened for women facing breast reconstruction and wish for the best option for her body.

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1.<https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/quick-profiles/index.php?statename=oregon>