

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Jama, Chair, Senate Committee On Rules
Senator Bonham, Vice-Chair, Senate Committee On Rules
Members of the Senate Committee On Rules

From: Erica Leser, MSL

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Re: Comments on SB/HB ###

My name is Erica Leser. I am a current medical student at Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) and public health student at Portland State University (PSU), pursuing my MD and MPH. I also hold a Master of Science in Law. I am a current member of the Oregon Medical Association (OMA), the American College of Physicians (ACP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). I am writing to you today as an Oregon resident, current public health activist, and future physician. This memo represents my personal views and opinion and does not represent the views of any institution or organization.

I strongly support Senate Joint Resolution 28. The right to a healthy environment was acknowledged by the UN in 2022 and yet is not recognized at the federal level in the United States. As such, the responsibility falls to the states to protect its residents. A clean and healthy environment is crucial to affordable health care and health equity. Under Oregon's Constitution, we have a responsibility to protect every Oregonian's fundamental right to affordable health care, therefore we have a responsibility to protect the right to a health environment for all Oregonians. I ask that the committee support SJR 28.

Sincerely,



Erica Leser, MSL