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Please help make family planning testing, treatment plans, medication, and IVF available to all Oregonians! After this 3rd full round of egg retrieval and embryo transfer in May, I will have spent \$100,000 out of pocket on fertility treatments over the last 4 years, as neither mine, nor my husband's insurance covers treatment of any kind. I've taken out credit card debt and a home equity line of credit on our home, just to pay for the care. We tried fostering and had a heart breaking time. Adoption is crazy expensive too! We just want to raise a family together and heal from the loss of my 4 year old son, who died while awaiting a heart transplant. He made me a mother, and I just want the opportunity to be one again! My husband, has male factor infertility, and has never been able to have a child naturally. We're lucky to be in a position to even consider taking on the financial burden of IVF, but for many families, it's not even an option. We'll have to give up on our dream too, if this next embryo transfer isn't successful, as we're already maxed out. Please pass SB 535, and start making a difference for Oregon families!!