

March 31, 2025

Senate Committee on Judiciary Oregon State Capitol 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Testimony in Support of SB163 with the -1 Amendment

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kaitlyn Boller and I write on behalf of the **U.S. Donor Conceived Council** (**USDCC**), a nonprofit that advocates for the well-being of donor conceived people. **We stand in support of SB163 with the -1 amendment.** USDCC is the only U.S. nonprofit organization formed and led by donor-conceived people (DCP) to advocate for greater recognition of their needs and interests through education and policy reform.

By updating Oregon's statutes, SB163 provides necessary protections for intended parents, surrogates, and children born through assisted reproductive technologies. Modern parentage laws also offer security to donor conceived children to ensure they remain with their families, especially protecting their relationships with non-genetic parents.

An additional critical component of the UPA, included in SB163 with the -1 amendment, is the 2024 version of Article 9 (Sections 84-88 of SB163). This language includes modernized protections for donor conceived individuals, ensuring they have the right to access information about their genetic origins upon adulthood. Requiring identity disclosure ensures that a donor conceived person aged 18 years or older can request this information about their genetic origins, which can be valuable to identity formation, medical history, and genetic heritage. This system benefits both donors and donor conceived people by releasing the information with a donor's prior informed consent in a legal, orderly manner.

Many donor conceived people, donors, and recipient parents have submitted testimony for the bill as introduced with the -1 amendment. This bill ensures both donor conceived children and adults have the protections they need to thrive throughout their lives. For these reasons, USDCC strongly supports comprehensive parentage updates provided by SB163. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support; we are happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Boller Vice President of Legislative Affairs U.S. Donor Conceived Council