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I am writing to voice my strong support for Senate Bill 535, which aims to require health insurance coverage for fertility treatments. I have seen firsthand the profound impact of infertility on the lives of loved ones. Specifically, I have witnessed loved ones exhaust their savings, accumulate significant debt, and endure the heartbreaking reality that financial limitations may determine whether they can have a child. Infertility is a medical condition, not a choice. Yet, many individuals and couples are left without viable options due to the staggering costs of treatment. This is not just a personal struggle—it is a systemic issue that demands legislative action to remedy it. By requiring healthcare insurance coverage for fertility services, this bill would provide critical relief to those who need it. No one should be forced to delay or forgo medical treatment that would allow them to start or expand their family simply because of financial constraints. Furthermore, the provision directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to evaluate access to reproductive care will help identify existing gaps and inform future policies. Time is of the essence. Every day that passes without accessible fertility care means more people are left feeling hopeless. I urge the committee to take decisive action and support this legislation, ensuring that Oregonians have a fair chance to pursue parenthood. Thank you for your time and attention to this vitally important matter.