

May 3, 2025

Senate Committee on Health Care 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2942

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

Oregon Pride in Business (ORPIB) is the LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce for Oregon and Southwest Washington whose members include LGBTQ+ business owners and professionals. ORPIB is the state affiliate for the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce, known as NGLCC.

ORPIB urges your support for HB 2942. HB 2942 will ensure pharmacists are reimbursed for providing essential services related to prescribing pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP)—critical tools in the fight against HIV and other preventable diseases. While pharmacists in Oregon already have the authority to prescribe these medications, they often face financial barriers due to a lack of reimbursement for the care they provide.

With many pharmacies across the state under financial pressure, HB 2942 is a modest step in the right direction: fair compensation for critical public health work.

As business leaders and proud members of the LGBTQ+ community, we know that access to preventive care like PrEP and PEP isn't just a medical issue—it's a matter of economic stability. HB 2942 supports the health and wellbeing of Oregonians from all walks of life.

Sincerely,

Oregon Pride in Business