



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Testimony in support of HCR 36 | In Honor of Christine Chin Ryan

May 13th, 2025

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Farrah Chaichi, and I am the Representative for House District 35, Beaverton and Aloha. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to honor a very important Oregonian, the late Christine Chin Ryan. I would like to acknowledge her family and her partner, Pat, who are in the room with us today.

I met Christine through my volunteer work at the DPO. I was immediately drawn to her leadership and staunch advocacy on behalf of women, the Asian-American community, and as a champion for racial and economic justice. The Asian Pacific Islander Community Coalition of Oregon (or APICCO) is the organization Christine founded to empower Asian-American students to engage in political advocacy. APICCO interns come to the legislature every session highly skilled and eager to work. On a personal note, my office was fortunate enough to have an APICCO intern in a prior session and I could not speak more highly of his dedication and work.

But I want to talk about more than just what *has* happened, Christine's legacy continues today. In 2023, she brought me a legislative concept, of which I was honored she trusted me with, from her role with the National Organization for Women, anti-cyberflashing - which protects individuals, frequently women, from unsolicited and nonconsensual lewd images. That session, I was unable to get it passed as a freshman legislator. I hope she would be proud to know that HB 3766 A, our anti-cyberflashing bill, moved through the House Judiciary Committee and House floor unanimously and had an encouraging hearing in the Senate. It was so meaningful to carry that bill on the floor, I just wish she'd been here to see it.

Christine will be deeply missed. Thank you.