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My name is Allie Bright, and I am a 4th grade teacher in Portland, Oregon. I am submitting written testimony in support of HB 4155.

This bill would be life changing for me as a 36 year old who has always known she wants to be a parent but cannot currently plan for a family because of financial barriers. I have devoted over 10 years to teaching and supporting children in Oregon, and I love my job deeply. Still, I often feel a profound sadness and anxiety knowing that the dream of starting a family feels out of reach.

I have explored options such as egg freezing and fertility treatments, and I am in a queer partnership, but the financial burden makes these possibilities impossible for me right now. HB 4155 would require health insurance plans, including those available to educators like me, to cover fertility treatments and family planning services. For the first time, this bill offers a real chance for people like me to hope, to plan, and to imagine becoming a parent while continuing to dedicate ourselves to our communities.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 4155. Thank you for your time and consideration.