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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4155

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

My name is Krystle, and I'm writing to express my strong support for HB 4155.

This bill takes an important step toward expanding access to essential fertility services for Oregonians. Too many individuals and couples who want to build a family face significant financial barriers because their insurance plans do not cover infertility diagnosis and treatment. These services — including diagnostics, medications, intrauterine insemination (IUI), and in vitro fertilization (IVF) — are not optional for many people; they are medically necessary steps in addressing infertility. By requiring certain insurers, as well as the Oregon Educators Benefit Board and the Public Employees' Benefit Board, to cover fertility services and treatments, HB 4155 would help ensure that families across Oregon have equitable access to the care they need to conceive and thrive.

Furthermore, this bill directs the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services to conduct a study on access to reproductive treatments and report back to the Legislature. This study will provide critical data on current gaps in coverage, disparities in access, and potential improvements that can inform future policymaking. It ensures that policy decisions are grounded in evidence and responsive to the lived experiences of Oregonians.

Infertility affects many families, cuts across demographic lines, and can be emotionally and financially overwhelming. Making fertility care more accessible through insurance coverage is not only compassionate public policy — it promotes health equity, supports family-building, and helps retain and attract talent in our state by showing that Oregon values family formation for all residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support HB 4155.

Thank you.