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Chair Bowman and members of the committee. My name is Sarah Lochner with the Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials – or CLHO. We are the state association for county-based local public health.

I'm here today in strong support of [HB 4135](#) and want to thank Rep. Hartman for her leadership on this issue. She has been handed lemons with her illness and is gracefully turning them into lemonade. She is an inspiration and a shero.

Really, the bill says it all. HPV can lead to cancer and we have a vaccine to protect against the virus. We love that this measure not only raises awareness about the issue but encourages vaccination.

Vaccination is prevention. Prevention saves individuals from stress, heartache, missed work and social opportunities, and possibly even death. Prevention saves lives AND it saves the healthcare system money.

Please stand with Rep. Hartman – and public health advocates – to support HB 4135 declaring March 4th as HPV Awareness Day.

Thank you.

