

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4135

Dear Chair Bowman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Barbara Canavan, and I am a historian of medicine. I am writing in support of HB 4135, which designates March 4th as HPV awareness day. I support HB 4135, which designates March 4th as HPV Awareness Day in Oregon. HPV vaccination prevents over 90% of related cancers, yet only 67% of Oregon adolescents complete the vaccine series, and just 53% of women ages 25-44 are current on cervical cancer screening. Rural, low-income, and communities of color face the greatest barriers to access.

HB 4135 will raise awareness, promote vaccination and screenings, and encourage organizations to share prevention information annually. Increasing awareness is a crucial first step to addressing these disparities and preventing cancer.

Please vote yes on HB 4135 to help fight HPV and cervical cancer.