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Building on 2025 Privacy Laws, Oregon House Passes Bill to Safeguard Sensitive Health Data

The bill protects reproductive and gender-affirming care in Oregon while preventing sensitive health data from being used in out-of-state investigations

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon House passed [HB 4088](#), landmark legislation that strengthens protections for reproductive health care and gender-affirming care while reinforcing Oregon’s long-standing commitment to personal freedom, bodily autonomy, and data privacy.

The bill builds directly on data privacy protections enacted during the 2025 legislative session, closing gaps that could allow sensitive health information to be weaponized or shared across state lines. Together, these policies ensure that Oregonians and those seeking lawful care in Oregon from out of state can make deeply personal health decisions without fear of surveillance, retaliation, or interference from out-of-state actors.

“This bill is about living up to Oregon’s values when those values are being tested by growing federal threats and out of state interference,” said **Rep. Lisa Fragala** (D - Eugene). “It is about protecting providers’ ability to safely provide care, and it is about protecting patients’ ability to receive legal evidence-based health care.

The bill declares Oregon’s policy to protect access to legally provided reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment, limits cooperation with out-of-state or federal investigations targeting lawful care, and strengthens confidentiality protections for sensitive health records. It also protects licensed providers acting within their scope of practice and clarifies that Oregon law governs disputes related to care delivered within the state.

Rep. Willy Chotzen (D - Outer SE Portland) emphasized the continuity with prior legislative work: “HB 4088 ensures that patient data from legally obtained health care remains private and protected, while also strengthening safeguards for medical providers. At its core, this bill is about protecting Oregonians’ most personal and sensitive medical information.”

In 2025, the Legislature enacted significant reforms to modernize Oregon’s data privacy framework, with [HB 2008](#). The bill passed today builds on that foundation by ensuring that privacy protections extend meaningfully to reproductive and gender-affirming health care, where the stakes are often highest.

“People in my district just want to live their lives and make their own decisions about what’s best for themselves and their families. And they expect their government to protect their right to do so,” said **Rep. April Dobson** (D – Happy Valley & N Clackamas County).

By reinforcing confidentiality, limiting information sharing, and asserting Oregon’s authority over care lawfully provided within its borders, the bill sends a clear message: Oregon will not participate in efforts that undermine patient privacy or criminalize health care decisions that are legal in this state.

Rep. Rieke Smith (D - Wilsonville, Sherwood, King City, Tigard) added: “Our state has made it clear: every Oregonian deserves the freedom to make their own reproductive health decisions. As a former public health nurse, providers who deliver that care should be protected, not punished. This bill affirms the right to access lawful reproductive care in Oregon and strengthens privacy and legal protections for the doctors, nurses, and midwives who provide it, so patients and providers alike can focus on care—not fear.”

HB 4088 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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