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### **Oregon Senate Democrats Vote to Ensure Privacy Protections Cover Legal, Personal Health Care Decisions**

*House Bill 4088 strengthens Oregon law to shield health care information*

**SALEM, OR** – Legislation passed in the Oregon Senate today helps 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.

“Our current political environment threatens to push transgender people out of public and civic life, to criminalize their existence and promote fear about their presence in our families, schools and workplaces,” said **Senator Sara Gelsler Blouin (D – Corvallis, Albany & S. Salem)**. “We must act to ensure that in Oregon, our values and laws are not undermined by the actions of other states or the federal government.”

“This bill ensures medical decisions can remain grounded in evidence, ethics, and the patient-provider relationship,” said **Senator Lisa Reynolds (D – Portland)**. “Patient trust depends on the confidentiality of their private and personal health care information.”

House Bill 4088 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.

The measure was originally introduced by chief sponsor **Representative Lisa Fragala (D – Eugene)** in the Oregon House of Representatives, where it passed last month.

“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**. “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 legislation builds on recent reforms modernizing data privacy in Oregon, ensuring that privacy protections extend meaningfully to reproductive and gender-affirming health care, where the stakes are often highest.

House Bill 4088 cleared the Oregon Senate today in a vote of 18 to 12. The measure now goes to Governor Tina Kotek for her signature.

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