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Oregon Senate Votes to Expand Access to Breast Cancer Screenings

SALEM, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate voted to expand access to life-saving breast cancer screenings by passing [SB 1041](#). SB 1041 makes medically necessary breast cancer diagnostic imaging tests and supplemental breast exams free to patients by requiring commercial insurance plans to cover those costs.

While the total cost of a mammogram is usually covered by insurance, further diagnostic testing such as an MRI or ultrasound is not. These diagnostic tests can cost up to thousands of dollars to patients, even though they are absolutely essential to identifying breast cancer.

“As a breast cancer survivor, I know firsthand how critical these tests are to saving Oregonians’ lives. This bill will make sure that every Oregonian at risk of breast cancer has access to the health care they deserve,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Southwest Portland)**.

According to the [American Cancer Society](#), 4,220 people in Oregon were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2023.

Ensuring access to affordable healthcare is a key component of [Senate Democrats’ 2023 Oregon Works agenda](#).

SB 1041 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, SB 1041 now moves to the House Floor for consideration.

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