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Statement on OHA Denying Legacy's Request to Close Mount Hood Birthing Center

SALEM, Ore - Ye, the Oregon Health Authority [denied Legacy Health's request](#) to close the Mount Hood Birthing Center in Gresham. The center supports between 700 and 1,000 births each year for a community with limited access to care. **Senator Chris Gorsek (D - Gresham)**, who represents impacted communities and has led opposition to the center's closure, released the following statement in response:

"Families in my community deserve access to high quality, local maternity care. I am encouraged to see the Oregon Health Authority taking an active role in remedying this unacceptable situation. I call on Legacy to do the right thing and keep this critical birthing center open. Whether or not they do, we must take action this legislative session to protect families in our community from being denied access to the care they need. "

Senator Gorsek is a chief sponsor of [House Bill 3592](#), which would require general hospitals licensed in Oregon to provide maternity services unless issued a waiver by OHA.

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