

HB 1435: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hormone-Related Care: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill **WITH AMENDMENTS**.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1435 with amendments**, concerning *Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hormone-Related Care*.

Ensuring that patients have access to medically necessary hormone-related care is an important public health goal. Many women rely on hormone-related treatments for conditions such as menopause, endocrine disorders, and other medically recognized health needs. Ensuring that insurance plans provide appropriate coverage for these treatments can improve health outcomes, quality of life, and long-term well-being.

However, I respectfully urge the legislature to adopt **clarifying amendments** to the bill's language to ensure precision and consistency in the law. Specifically, I recommend replacing the term “**individuals**” with “**women**”, and including a clear statutory definition of “**women**” **based on biological sex**.

In medical contexts—particularly when discussing hormone-related conditions such as menopause, ovarian disorders, and other sex-specific health issues—biological sex is a relevant and important factor. Clear definitions help ensure that health policies are accurately targeted and that the intent of the legislation is properly implemented by insurers, regulators, and healthcare providers.

Providing this clarity would strengthen the bill while still achieving its core objective of expanding access to important hormone-related care for the patients who rely on it.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1435 with amendments that clarify the language as described above**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals