

Letter in Support of HB 4135

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Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support HB 4135, which provides needed updates to Oregon's 30-year old advanced directive form. Oregon's current advance directive process is complex, confusing, and not reflective of the needs and wishes of all Oregonians.

Kaiser Permanente exists to provide affordable, high quality healthcare services to improve the health of our members and communities we service. An important part of this work is empowering our members to remain in control when it comes to their wishes about their health care. HB 4135 makes easier, and more accessible, the critical process of communicating one's health care wishes.

A broad group of stakeholders came together to reach consensus about this legislation. Kaiser Permanente appreciates the careful work of this group to allow updates over time within the strict statutory framework outlined in the bill. In addition, we believe the ability to appoint a health care representative and to have the form notarized will make the process much easier and more understandable for our members.

For these reasons, and many others that will be highlighted today, Kaiser Permanente strongly encourages this committee to vote yes on House Bill 4135.

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