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Testimony in support of HB 4085
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Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Olsen and Members:

The Oregon Commission for Women supports SB 4085 as an important foundation for full coverage of colorectal screening and polyp removal. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd most common cancer among African American women and Asian and Pacific Islander women in Oregon and a number of communities of color throughout Oregon have very low rates of screening. Cancer screenings, including those for colorectal cancer work best when the cancer is discovered and treated early. We believe that whatever we can do to reduce barriers to detecting and treating colorectal cancer early is important to us all.

HB 4085 takes cost sharing out the equation for colorectal screening and polyp removal, and removes one more cost related barrier to screening and treatment in so doing. We urge you to positively consider this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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