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Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
Representative Alisa Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair  
Representative Jim Thompson, Vice-Chair  
House Health Care Committee  
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 3407

Dear Chair Greenlick, Vice-Chairs Keny-Guyer and Thompson, and Members of the Committee:

Upstream Public Health is dedicated to creating the social and environmental conditions that enable all Oregonians to thrive. We promote healthy eating habits, more physical activity, and a reduced burden of tobacco use among all Oregonians.

We are writing in support of HB 3407 because we believe Traditional Health Workers (Community Health Workers, Peer Wellness Specialists, Personal Health Navigators, and Doulas) are a vital component of Oregon's new healthcare delivery model. We believe that these complementary workers are crucial for the success of healthcare transformation as they support the Triple Aim of better care, better health outcomes, and lowered costs.

We also believe that Traditional Health Workers should inform and help shape policies about their role and expertise in the health field. We also believe that the development of a diverse workforce will be critical to better serving the needs of diverse populations across Oregon.

We encourage you to pass HB 3407 out of committee and to support it on the House floor.

Sincerely,

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