



Statement in Support of HB 2611A

The Oregon Psychological Association would like to offer the following written statement in support of HB 2611A.

We appreciate the legislature's concern that all professionals in our state commit to educating themselves in a manner that will reduce health care disparities and honor diversity. We recently polled our members, and they clearly endorsed cultural competence education as a core component of professional practice. The Oregon Psychological Association Board of Directors unanimously voted to support HB2611A as currently written.

We particularly appreciate provisions in HB2611A that permit flexibility regarding each licensing board's protocol for implementing the continuing education requirement (c.f. Section 1, part 2b; Section 2, part 3). Most of our members indicate that they spontaneously seek opportunities to expand their cultural awareness. We appreciate the opportunity to monitor our members' participation, and then to draft measures that encourage participation in continuing education opportunities that are evidence based in terms of meeting the particular goals of reducing health care disparities and increasing appreciation of diversity.

We hope that you will give this bill your full support as well.

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