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Senator Monnes-Anderson, Chair
Senator Kruse, Vice Chair
Senate Health Care Committee
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 2134

Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson, Vice-Chair Kruse, and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Latino Health Coalition is pleased to support HB 2134. We believe this bill would ensure the information needed to improve quality of health care and remove the cost barriers for Oregonians. We as an organization are dedicated to promoting health and wellness by reducing disparities in Oregon's Latino communities. We will be working on the expansion of prenatal care for all women in Oregon and pursuing a bill to form a community health worker commission.

A healthy Oregon, is a stronger Oregon. Understanding Oregon's changing populations will help us recognize the local best practices to remove health disparities in Oregon. The importance for having a unified standard for a data driven system and research will reflect the richness of diversity in Oregon and help understand the needs of our communities. Accurate, consistent and meaningful data collection will make it possible for providers to refine and improve the quality of care for their patients and clients, while maximizing our limited resources. This is a crucial component to our commitment to our communities and allies.

Oregon Latino Health Coalition supports HB 2134. Please vote Yes on HB 2134.

Thank you for your consideration,



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