

To whom it may concern—

On behalf of the Oregon Council on Civil Rights, I am writing in support of HB 2134, a measure that would help **improve health care delivery** by creating uniform standards for the collection of detailed and precise data on the race, ethnicity and language of Oregonian consumers.

The measure would result in more information and greater tools for the Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services to target and allocate resources for healthier

Benefits of the measure include:

- **Better health for Oregonians**
Generating more accurate and complete data will help patient outcomes. providers identify and address health disparities among diverse communities.
- **Better use of finite taxpayer dollars**
Consistent data will help save taxpayer resources by identifying costly disparities among populations.
- **Creating a more just and equitable Oregon**
The measure will help ensure that all Oregonians have access to the care they need by providing greater insight into barriers to care.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this modest – but important – modernization of client data collection.

Sincerely,

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