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Central City
Concern/
Old Town Clinic

Children's
Community Clinic

Health Centers of
University of
Western States

Mercy & Wisdom
Community Health
Clinic

NARA Indian
Health Clinic

National College of
Natural Medicine
Community Clinics

North by Northeast
Community Health
Center

OHSU Family
Medicine at
Richmond

Oregon College of
Oriental Medicine

Outside In

PACS Family
Health Clinic

Rosewood Family
Health Center

SW Community
Health Center

The Wallace
Medical Concern

Senator. Alan Bates, Co-Chair; Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
House and Senate Members of the Ways & Means Human Services Sub Committee
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 3407

Dear Co-Chair Bates, Co-Chair Nathanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Coalition of Community Health Clinics is a network of fourteen safety net clinics that provide high-quality, culturally appropriate health care to uninsured and underserved people in the Portland-Metro area. We are dedicated to improving health outcomes among vulnerable populations in our community.

Traditional Health Workers (Community Health Workers, Peer Wellness Specialists, Personal Health Navigators, and Doulas) are a valued and essential component of Oregon's Health Care Transformation. Our organization believes 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 support the principle that Traditional Health Workers should inform and shape policy regarding their own profession. We believe that a diverse workforce is essential to ensuring a healthy Oregon for all.

Please vote YES on HB 3407 and support our work to have meaningful participation from Traditional Health Workers in creating policy for their own profession.

Thank you for your consideration,



Sam Chase
Executive Director