



From the desk of
Senator Alan Bates
State Senate District 3

Vote Yes on HB 2134

Establishing Uniform Standards for Race, Ethnicity, Language
and Disability Data

SEIU Local 503 strongly supports the passage of HB 2134. It is vitally important that we begin to collect consistent and accurate data to help us begin to address the health disparities that under-represented communities face. Accurate information on race, ethnicity, language and disability will give providers, including our members, the tools they need to improve the quality of care we provide.

Uniform standards provide clarity, stability and consistency of the data pool and improve the ability of providers and policy-makers to address existing and emerging disparities. We cannot develop effective strategies without first having a baseline to work off of.

Oregon can be a leader in improving health outcomes to under-served populations. Quality data will allow us to measure our efforts' effectiveness and give us the ability to adjust strategies as new information is gathered. Health disparities are real and must be addressed vigorously and effectively, HB 2134-A is an important first step in doing that.

SEIU Local 503 strongly urges your Yes Vote on HB2134 and we are grateful for the inclusion of disability along with race, ethnicity and language in this important bill.

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