

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Chair Greenlick and Oregon House Health Care Committee Members:

APANO supports HB 2294 to strengthen health information technology integration and accountability. APANO is a statewide policy advocacy and civic engagement organization, ensuring Asian and Pacific Islanders are fully engaged in the issues that affect them and advancing racial and social justice. APANO convenes the Data Equity Working Group of the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA).

APANO and our partners in OHEA passed HB 2134 in 2013 establishing consistent standards for the collection of Race, Ethnicity, Language and Disability Status. ORS rules have been promulgated, and OHA/DHS are going through a long-term implementation process. HB 2294 supports and advances the goal of improved data collection and analysis by strengthening HIT infrastructure and aligning with the new health care environment in Oregon. HIT will be critical to improving accuracy, quality and use of data, that in turn we believe will drive appropriate and responsive interventions to health inequities.

Please support HB 2294. Please let me know what questions you have. You may also contact our OHEA Lobbyist Regan Gray [regan@okulitch.com](mailto:regan@okulitch.com).

Sincerely,

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