



To: House Committee on Judiciary
From: Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Date: March 30, 2015
Re: HB 2002

Chair Barker, Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) would like to express our support for HB 2002. OHEA represents a collective effort of 37 member organizations who work together to make Oregon a more equitable place for all. Our coalition believes every Oregonian should have an equal chance to achieve their full health potential, and that is why we are supporting HB 2002.

Profiling by law enforcement occurs in every part of Oregon to different communities. With no data we don't know how bad the problem is and what deters that behavior. We are one of only 8 states that do not ban profiling, yet 85% of Oregonians believe that law enforcement should not be allowed to profile.

Profiling is a social determinant of health. When communities are being targeted and stopped more it can cause things such as high blood pressure, anxiety, and unfortunately physical harm if things escalate. We feel this is a statewide issue that needs a statewide approach.

When we allow for profiling we are categorizing people as dangerous because of their identity. Oregon needs a statewide system to document incidents, track data, and ensure law enforcement accountability. HB 2002 will not end racism, transphobia or xenophobia, but it symbolizes that we won't tolerate it.

OHEA urges your full support of HB 2002. Thank you for your commitment to our communities.

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