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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

C/O Senator Alan Bates, Co-Chair

Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair

Oregon State Legislature

900 Court Street, N.E.

Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) Funding

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

Thank you for hearing SB 5526 and inviting testimony from Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington. Susan G. Komen is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization and the largest private funder of breast cancer research and support in the United States. The Mission of Susan G. Komen is to save lives and end breast cancer forever through empowering individuals, ensuring quality of care for all, and energizing science to find the cures.

Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington supports the \$970,000 in the Governor's recommended budget for the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA's) Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and a modest increase of 5% (\$48,500) due to both the cost of inflation and to provide broader program support for increased outreach services for women of color, low-income, uninsured, underinsured and medically underserved women in Oregon to gain access to lifesaving screening for early detection of breast and cervical cancers.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, accounting for nearly one of every four cancers diagnosed in U.S. women. Oregon and Washington have some of the highest breast cancer rates in the country. This week in our state, 70 women will hear the words "you have breast cancer" and another 10 women will die. Multiply this by 52 weeks in a given year and for me this raises the question – isn't it time we end breast cancer?

OHA's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides needed screening through free pap tests and mammograms to women aged 40 to 64 who are uninsured or underinsured and have income below 250% of the federal poverty line. From 2008 – 2013, over 25,000 Oregon women were served by the program and 292 breast cancers and 228 cervical cancers being detected. While the program works, there are still women who need to be served.

While the Affordable Care Act provides women greater access to preventative cancer screenings and treatment, gaps still remain for women who are from communities of color, uninsured or underinsured. It is estimated that 25,529 women lack access to breast cancer screenings with over 63,909 lacking access to cervical cancer screenings. In Oregon only 74% of women are being screened for breast cancer, with the rates for women of color, specifically the rates among African American women being the most concerning at 57%, leaving 43% unscreened. For those screened for breast cancer and with cancer detected early, the five year survival rate is 99%. However, when screening is delayed, the survival rate drops dramatically to the low 70s.



Maintaining the existing funding and providing for a modest increase will allow for greater and more focused outreach to target those populations and communities of greatest need, particularly women of color, while preserving a critical safety net for thousands of Oregon women who continue to lack access to essential screening services.

Please support the existing funding level and a modest increase of OHA's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program for early detection services for women of color, low-income and other medically underserved women.

Please note, for more regionally-specific information on breast cancer statistics around Oregon, see Exhibit A [7 pages].

Best regards,

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Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington

Susan G. Komen OR & SW WA 2015 Community Profile Oregon Cancer Statistics

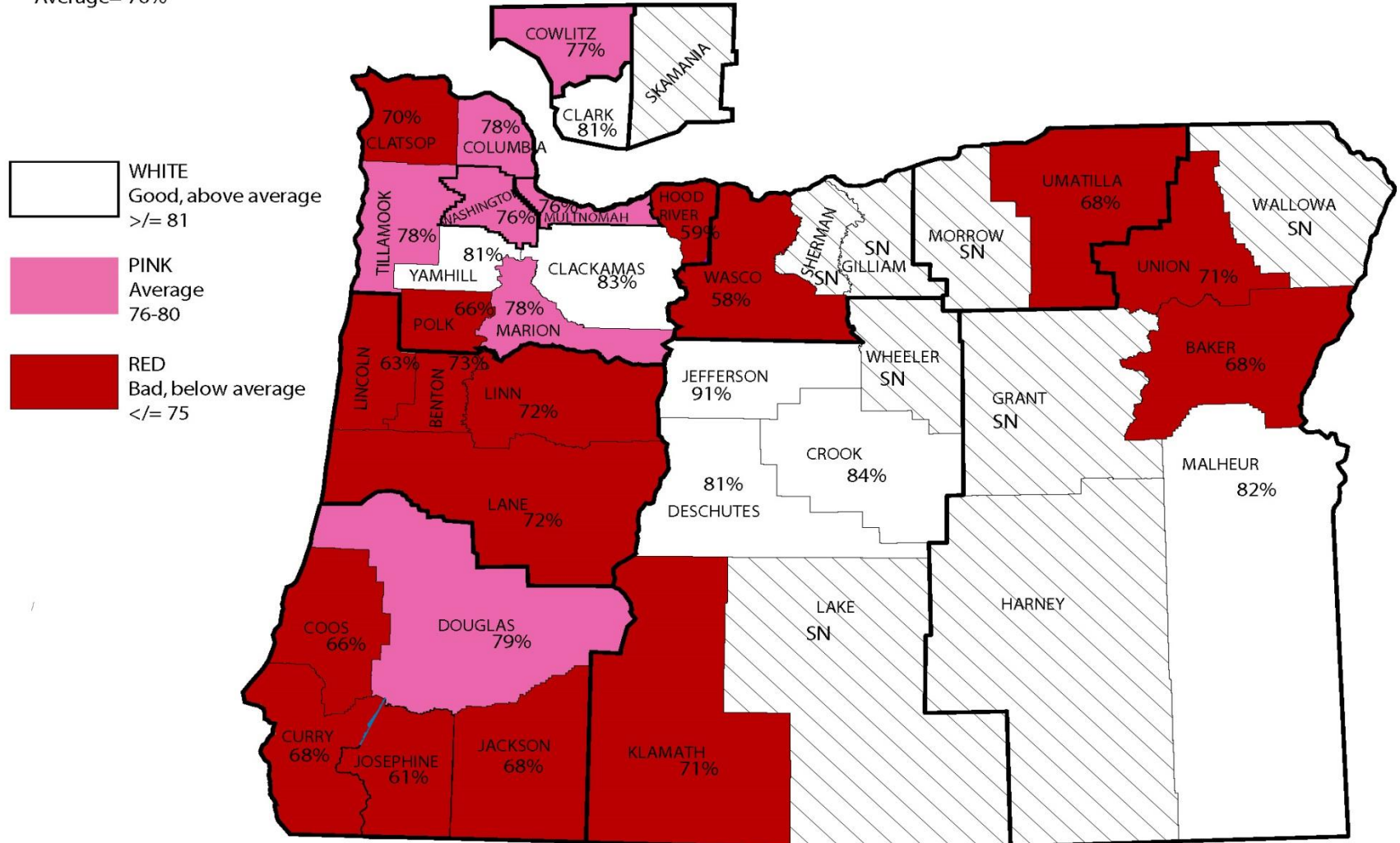
- Incidence
- Screening
- Late-Stage Diagnosis
- Death Rates

Screening Rates by County

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Map#4: Proportion Screened

Average= 76%

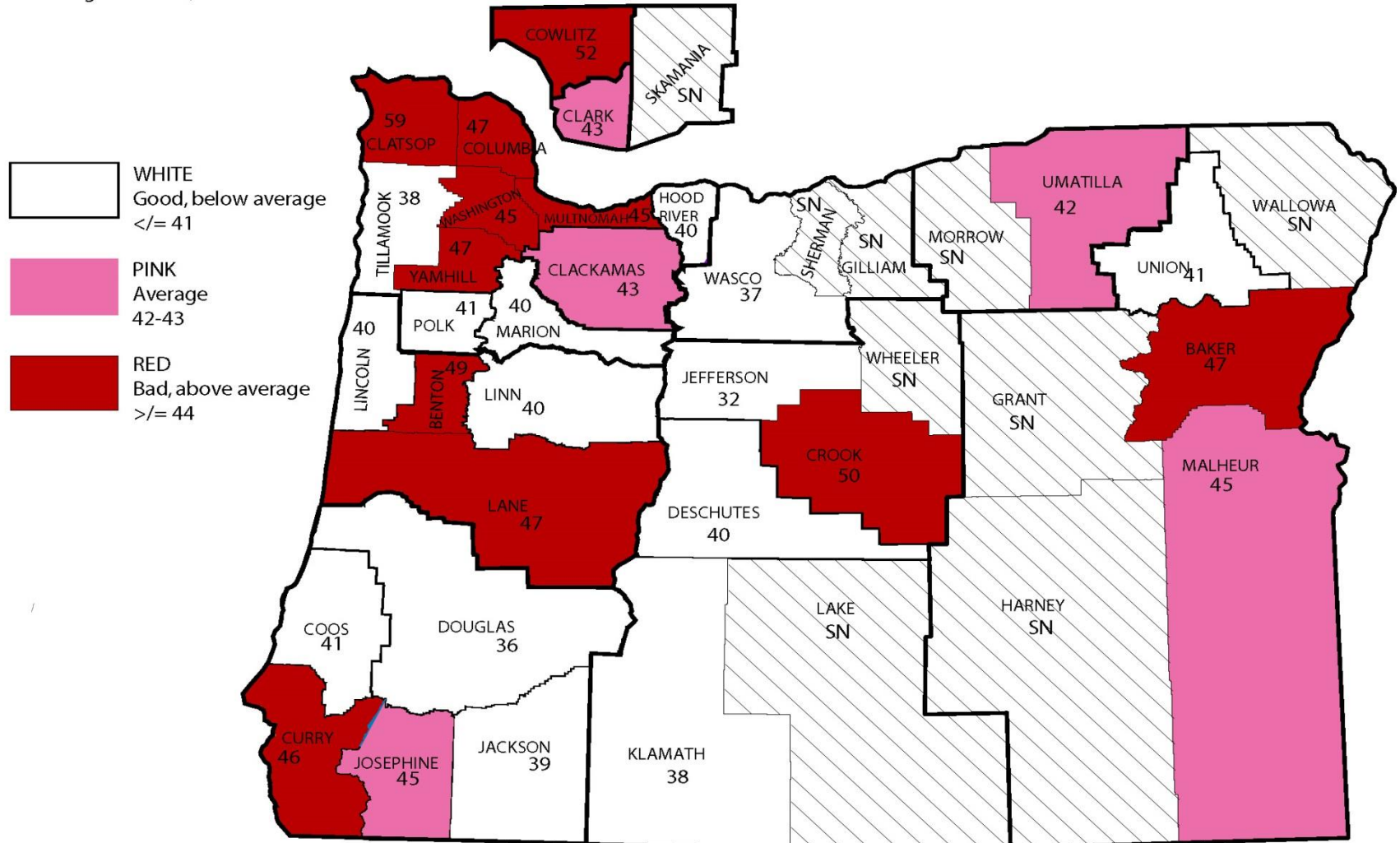


Late-Stage Diagnosis Rates by County

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Map#3: Late-Stage Rates and Trends

Average= 43/100,000

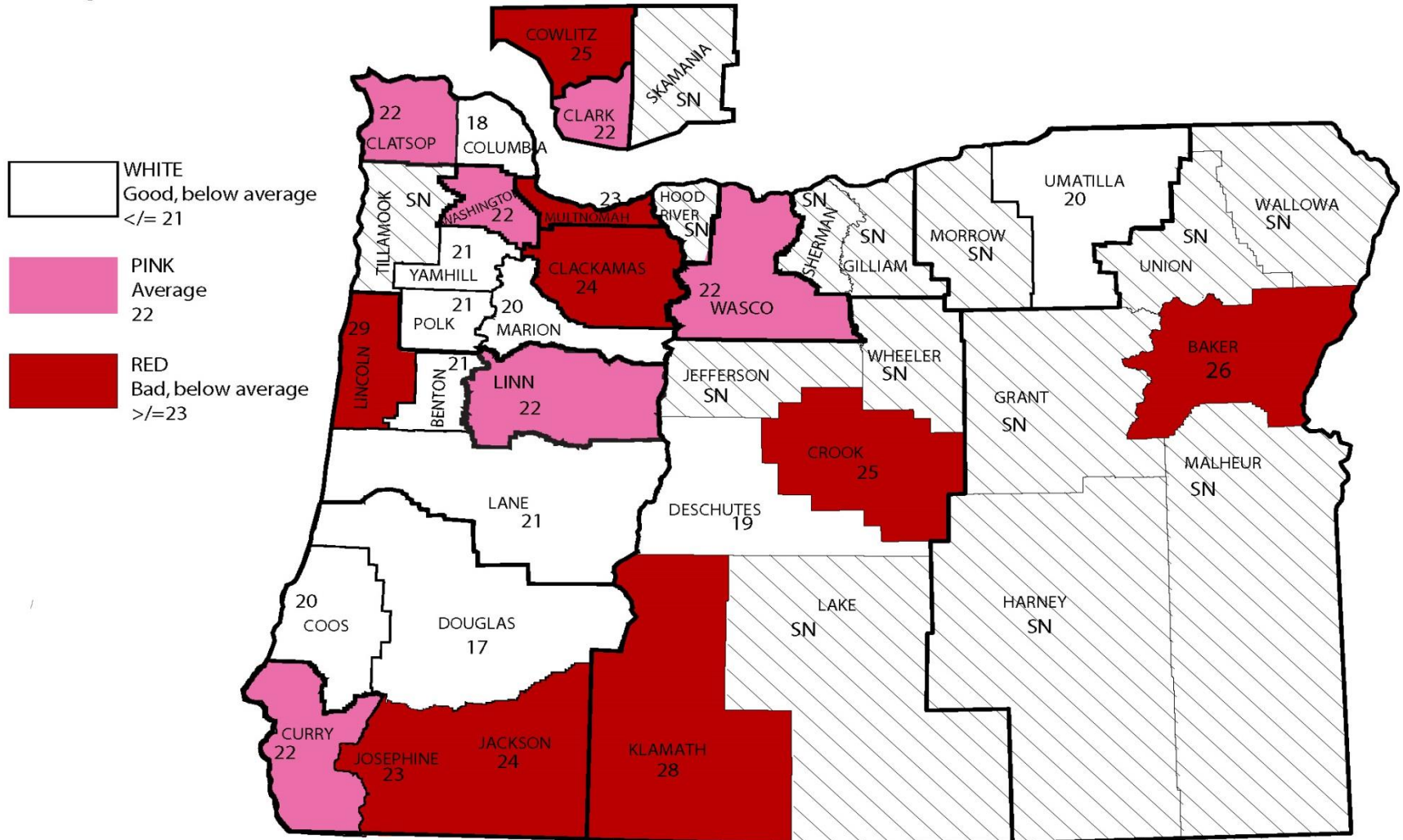


Death Rates by County

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Map#2: Death Rates and Trends

Average= 22/100,000



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