

**Senate Health Care Committee  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Support of HB 2541 A**

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

The Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) represents the 34 local public health departments in Oregon who work tirelessly to protect the public and prevent death and disease. The Coalition of Local Health Officials supports HB 2541A. HB 2541A will help ensure the public's health is protected on blood drives and keep Oregon's blood supply as safe as possible.

Blood collection organizations' move away from the use of licensed personnel on blood drives is concerning. Trained, and licensed, professionals are needed on drives to oversee the intake process of donors, for the safety of the donor, safety of the blood supply, and to respond in case a donor experiences an adverse reaction.

CLHO applauds the American Red Cross for utilizing nurses on the vast majority of the blood drives they operate in Oregon. We hope the strong standard set by the American Red Cross in Oregon will be applied to every organization operating blood drives in Oregon.

CLHO urges your support of HB 2541A.