

House Floor Letter
June 19, 2015
Support House Bill 3100 A



Background

House Bill 3100 A is the result of a nine-month Task Force on the Future of Public Health, chaired by Deschutes County Commissioner Tammy Baney. Senator Monnes Anderson and Representative Greenlick were active members along with representatives from local public health departments, labor and other health organizations.

HB 3100 A will:

- Create a new framework of Foundational Capabilities and Programs for state and local public health based on a national model and adopted for Oregon;
- Ensure a public health system that is working efficiently and effectively to protect the health of all Oregonians and prevent the spread of disease; and
- Set a course for state and local public health, implementing the new framework over the next ten years.

The next two years will focus on the assessment and planning work. Once that work is complete local public health authorities will implement the new framework through one of three structures: single county, county with shared services, or joint county public health districts. These structures will allow local communities to create efficiencies and establish new partnerships while better protecting the public's health across Oregon. The process will also identify the financial resources necessary to ensure that every Oregonian—wherever they live—will have access to these critical public health services.

HB 3100 A will create the framework for the state and local public health system, working with community partners and health care partners, to focus on improving the health of Oregonians.

We urge your support of HB 3100 A!