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Dear Chair Barker, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) would like to express our full support for HB 4003. OHEA is a collective of over 40 regional and state partners who work to improve the health and wellbeing of all Oregonians through community-driven strategies that promote education, advocacy, and policy change. Our coalition believes every Oregonian should have an equal chance to achieve their full health potential.

HB 4003 builds on HB 2002 to extend the Law Enforcement Profiling Work Group to July 2017, and requires the Work Group to report back to the legislature by December 2016. The Law Enforcement Profiling Work Group chaired by Attorney General Rosenblum, has made important strides in creating recommendations for the legislature on how to identify and stop patterns and practices of profiling by law enforcement. They created an initial report of recommendations in December 2015, but need more time to adequately address the issue. Profiling is a social determinant of health, when communities are being targeted and stopped it lead to preventable illnesses such as: high blood pressure, anxiety, and unfortunately physical harm. We need a robust set of recommendations from the Law Enforcement Profiling Work Group in order to truly end profiling and create healthy communities for all Oregonians.

OHEA urges your full support of HB 4003- Extension of the Law Enforcement Profiling Work Group. Thank you for your commitment to our communities.

Sincerely,

Oregon Health Equity Alliance