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Dear Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs and Members of the Health Care Committee,

The Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC) strongly supports Basic Health Plan- HB 4017 with the -2 amendments, as it is step towards ensuring health care coverage for more Oregonians. OLHC is a state-wide health advocacy organization that focuses on eliminating Latino health disparities through advocacy, development of policy and education.

We strongly support the Basic Health Plan as it could benefit approximately:

- 86,700 low-wage workers not eligible for Medicaid,
- Including legally residing Legal Permanent Residents barred from Medicaid for the first- five years of residency and individuals from the Pacific island nations under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) treaty.

We applaud DCBS for working with our coalition on the -2 amendments to HB 4017.

OLHC urges your full support of HB 4017 with the -2 amendments. Thank you for your commitment to our communities.

Sincerely,

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