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Chair Lively and Members of the House Early Childhood and Family Supports Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Latino Health Coalition, I respectfully request your support for HB 3087, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. The Oregon Latino Health Coalition is a statewide health advocacy organization whose mission is to eliminate health disparities amongst low income Latino communities.

At OLHC, we believe in the right for individuals to care for themselves and their families when they are sick. Too often for working low-wage individuals taking care of a sick child, parent, or themselves is out of reach because of fear of losing their jobs or losing wages. We especially know this to be true with working members of our communities who are the primary provider for their household. Low income families who contribute so much to our economy simply cannot afford to take time off for any reason.

The Oregon Latino Health Coalition supports the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act because no family in Oregon should have to choose between maintaining economic stability or recovering from an unprecedented injury. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony support of House Bill 3087, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. We urge your yes vote.

Sincerely,

Alberto Moreno
Executive Director