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Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to inform you of the Latino Health Coalition's support for HB 3464.

The Latino Health Coalition strives to develop and support statewide policies to reduce disparities within Latino communities by identifying and addressing health disparities faced by Latinos, as well as reviewing and supporting policies that improve Latino wellness.

We support House Bill 3464 because we know that for Latino Oregonians to have access to health care they need to feel safe interacting with our public bodies. Many Latino Oregonian's receive health care through public bodies, and they need to know that their information, including the date and time of their appointments will remain confidential.

Many Latinas rely on county public health departments for reproductive health care, and many Latinx children rely on these public health facilities for care ranging from nutrition programsto routine immunizations. The Latino Health Coalition strongly believes that we need to take steps to protect the privacy of Oregonians who use these critical services so that they feel safe caring for themselves and their children.

This bill is an important component in creating health equity for Latinx Oregonians, and we urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alberto Moreno".

Alberto Moreno, ED
Oregon Latino Health Coalition