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TO: 79th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FR: Legislative Report on Racial Equity Working Group

DA: 2017 Regular Session

RE: Vote YEA on HB 2864

This letter is to provide notice that HB 2864 is a Priority Bill that will be included in the 2017 Legislative Report on Racial Equity. Communities of color have identified HB 2864 as a Priority Bill and recommend a Yes vote to create an inclusive process for recommending cultural competency standards at each community college and public university. Final floor votes for Priority Bills will be included in the 2017 Legislative Report on Racial Equity.

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Who we are: The 2017 Legislative Report on Racial Equity is a project of a Working Group of nonpartisan, community based organizations working to advance racial equity in Oregon. The Working Group includes the Coalition of Communities of Color, APANO, Basic Rights Oregon, Causa, Unite Oregon, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Western States Center and Oregon Voice. The project also includes an advisory committee of more than twenty organizations based in communities of color, immigrant/refugee communities, and allied organizations.

If there is an alternate method of notice that would be preferred, or for feedback on the Legislative Report on Racial Equity at any point, please contact Amanda Manjarrez at Amanda@coalitioncommunitiescolor.org.

Sincerely,
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