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## CANN Statement in Support of HB 2011

April 2, 2019

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

On behalf of COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) of Oregon, we are writing in support of HB2011 “Requires specified professional regulatory boards to require persons authorized to practice professions regulated by board to complete cultural competency continuing education”.

CANN’s mission is to work towards efforts that achieve social and economic justice for COFA residents and underserved groups in Oregon and the US. We believe that with increasing diversity brings opportunities for us to support organizations and boards in participating in educational opportunities focused on culturally competency. Cultural competency is about using skills to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care. These skills may include communicating effectively with patients with different levels of health literacy; using cultural information to establish therapeutic relationships; eliciting, understanding and applying cultural and ethnic data in the process of clinical care; and more.

Implementing this bill will improve outcomes and quality support for people who are experiencing disparities. We must invest in every opportunity to ensure providers have every tool available to bridge experiences and support culturally and linguistically appropriate care.

CANN proudly supports this bill and we urge you to pass House Bill 2011.

Sincerely,



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