



To: Senator Patterson, Chair
Senator Knopp, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

From: Courtney Johnston, Director Government Relations, Trillium Community Health Plan

Date: February 4, 2021

Re: SB 70 letter of support

Trillium Community Health Plan coordinates physical, behavioral and oral health care for Oregon Health Plan members in Lane, Western Douglas, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. Trillium utilizes a patient-centered coordinated care model focused on individuals' whole health through active local involvement. Trillium has been serving Oregon Health Plan members for over 20 years and recognizes the inherent value of a community driven health care.

We are pleased to support SB 70 as a means to further our mission of community-driven health care. At Trillium, we are committed to promoting cultural competence, diversity and health equity. We embrace cultural differences, respectfully and appropriately, to support responsive service delivery and decrease health disparities in Oregon. We are a founding partner of the Lane Equity Coalition, and we remain dedicated to fostering awareness and to championing change by working in partnership with our communities towards health equity.

The Regional Health Equity Coalition (RHEC) model works by creating meaningful engagement for local communities to drive long-term sustainable solutions to improve the health care delivery system so that every person has the opportunity to attain their full health potential and no one is limited from achieving this potential due to social position or other socially determinant circumstances. As autonomous, cross-sector organizations, RHECs create mutual benefits for the communities we serve.

We recognize the importance of the moment and are eager to continue supporting this model so that our collective efforts can bring lasting impact to the prioritization of racial justice.

SB 70 will help improve the supports for these important coalitions as they work to improve outcomes and build systemic change based on the wisdom of priority populations.

We urge your support for SB 70.