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Oregon State Legislature  
House Health Care Committee  
900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

**Re: House Bill 3159 – Oregon Data Justice Act**

Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the Data Justice Act- HB 3159. As the Executive Director for Consejo Hispano, a nonprofit organization working to create the equitable integration of the Latinx community into Oregon’s broader social and economic fabric and covering Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, as well as a member of the Racial Justice Council, I share my support for the Data Justice Act.

As a leader in the non-profit sector I come into this work by centering, Tribal, Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The urgency could not be greater in this moment to channel and follow the voices of people most impacted by historical and institutional racism in Oregon and; create a system with them that fully supports us all.

In order to ensure the wellbeing of our state, all Oregonians must have quality, affordable health care, regardless of who they are or where they live. To accomplish this goal, disaggregated data is essential to achieving quality care and closing disparities in access to care.

Oregon needs this data. Our health system needs this data. It will save costs by identifying gaps and disparities early and assist our providers with vital information they need to serve their patients and health needs of Oregon communities. Collection of this data will help address the negative impact of racism and other forms of bias that deeply affect the health of Oregonians.

On behalf of Consejo Hispano and the Latinx community of the Oregon North Coast, thank you for your time and your commitment to Oregonians during this challenging time. I look forward to working with you as you develop our state’s budget during this legislative session.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Consejo Hispano  
Member, Racial Justice Council