

Public Testimony on HB 3159

Please amend Section 1 of HB 3159 to explicitly provide:

- 1) Any individual may decline to participate in data collections efforts seeking to identify race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation or gender identity mandated by this section.
- 2) No health care provider may decline to provide care, nor may any health insurer decline to provide coverage to any individual who chooses to decline to participate in data collection efforts seeking to identify their race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 3) No health care provider or health insurer shall be penalized if their patients, clients, or members decline to participate in data collection efforts seeking to identify their race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation or gender identity mandated by this section.
- 4) A health care provider or health insurer shall notify their patients, clients, or members that they may decline to participate in data collection efforts seeking to identify their race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation or gender identity mandated by this section at no penalty to themselves, or the health care provider or health insurer.

Thank you for genuinely respecting all of the people of Oregon by amending these bills to protect individual rights.