

**Lori Stegmann**  
Multnomah County Commissioner  
Representing East County, District 4



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House Committee on Healthcare  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Chairs Prusak, Vice-Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and members of the committee,

I am writing today in support of HB 3159. This bill is a necessary step to decrease the health disparities that affect BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities, people who speak languages other than English, and those with disabilities. Discrimination is prevalent at both the state and national level. To achieve true health equity, we must collect data that encompasses not just race, ethnicity, language, and disability, but also includes gender identity and sexual orientation.

As we strive to serve our state's diverse communities, data justice is a foundational component that supports our efforts to craft health policies that reflect the needs of all Oregonians. HB 3159 will increase our ability to analyze healthcare data and help our community thrive. I hope I can count on your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Stegmann".

Commissioner Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County District 4