

The Oregon Health Equity Task Force is composed of leaders and community-based organizations representing BIPOC, Tribal, Mixed Race, Urban-dwelling Indians/Urban Indians, Immigrant and Refugee, and white communities.



RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

HB 4052 declares racism a public health crisis in Oregon.

Racism causes harm, trauma, illness, and death to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Oregonians. While HR 6, which Declared Racism a Public Health Crisis, passed during the 2021 legislative session we must take strategic actions to support this declaration. LC 238, like HR 6, acknowledges that Oregon's very founding as a state is rooted in racist ideals, and while the Black exclusionary laws are no longer on the books, the damaging impact of these and other racist policies continue to exist within our present-day policies and systems perpetuating health disparities. LC 238 is the opportunity to uproot and invest in strategies that as a state advances conditions that get us closer to the vision of equity where more lives are rooted in the conditions for living in wellness, stability, and dignity.

Initial strategies to address this crisis:

Remove barriers to increase access and quality of care in BIPOC communities.

A pilot mobile health program will create a sustainable, culturally responsive model to increase access to care, informing a collaboratively-developed statewide feasibility study.

Meaningfully invest in community engagement to identify future strategies.

Ensure the ideas to end institutional racism and uplift strategies for health equity are directed, informed, and endorsed by BIPOC community. Racial affinity groups will be part of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions.

Develop recommendations to fund culturally specific programs.

Establish a funding strategy to support intervention programs designed to prevent health conditions that result in inequitable outcomes for BIPOC communities.

HB 4052 is endorsed by over 100 organizations and over 500 individuals working to combat racism



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