

February 2, 2022

House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Prusak and Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to express the City of Gresham’s support for HB 4052.

The Gresham City Council supports public policy and budget allocations that advance equitable outcomes for Oregonians. HB 4052 requires Oregon Health Authority to administer a pilot program to provide grants to establish culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations. The measure also requires OHA and the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to report to the legislature on recommendations for funding programs to address health inequities experienced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and members of tribes; requires OHA to administer a pilot program to provide grants to establish culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations.

The City recognizes and acknowledges the impacts of policy and budget decisions that lead to inequitable outcomes and is actively engaged in evaluating and challenging its own practices. The City supports state legislation and budget investments that eliminate racial disparities. Providing grants to support culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units is a worthy investment to create accessible care to historically minoritized communities. We believe this legislation is an important step to ensure that all residents have an equal access to health, and an important opportunity to identify and fund specific strategies that address inequalities.

We urge your support for HB 4052.

Sincerely,

Brian Monberg
Government Affairs Manager
City of Gresham