



Written testimony for HB2918 and HB 2925, 2023

February 22, 2023

Chair Nosse and Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson,

For the record, my name is Amy Fellows and I am writing this letter in support of HB2918 and HB 2925.

HB 2918 and HB 2925 amend HB 4052 to fulfill the funding and timeline needs for accomplishing the requirements of HB 4052 as originally intended. HB 4052 did not include funding for the entire mobile health pilot program. OHA and OACO received less than half of the requested per biennium budget developed by the HB 4052 thought leaders. The \$1.2 million appropriation made to OHA for grants that must be spent by June 30, 2023, is insufficient for a five-year culturally- and linguistically-responsive mobile health pilot program.

I live in Eugene am the Executive Director of We Can Do Better and am involved in the new Lane and Douglas County Regional Health Equity Coalition where we are building on years of work done by the Lane Equity Coalition and other community advocates in Douglas and Lane Counties. Our health equity work will be impacted in a positive manner with a passing of HB 2918 and HB 2925.

Sincerely,

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We Can Do Better