

Submitter: Melinda Wu

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2927

Re: HB2927 Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease

Dear House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

My name is Melinda Wu and I am a physician who takes care of patients with sickle cell disease at Oregon Health & Science University. I am testifying in support of HB2927.

Sickle cell diseases is a complex disease that affects multiple organ systems and requires lifelong coordinated care from many aspects of the community and health care system. As it primarily affects people of color, namely Black and Hispanic people in the United States, this Bill will address inequities imbedded in healthcare by providing basic coordinated care and education for patients, primary care providers who are not as familiar with sickle cell disease, and the community.

Thank you for any consideration in supporting this Bill.

Sincerely,

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