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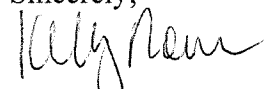
Senate Committee on Health Care
Senators Patterson, Hayden and Committee Members

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, I am writing to support Senate Bill 841 (SB 841) which will allow the Oregon Health Authority-Public Health Division (OHA-PHD) to enter into agreements with the nine federally recognized Indian tribes of Oregon and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) to investigate reportable diseases, access information to complete those investigations and ensure access to confidential data.

This partnership supports Tribal self-determination as Tribes can better investigate and track reportable diseases within their own systems, if a Tribe chooses to participate. Moreover, SB 841 will improve the relationship between OHA-PHD and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to collaboratively receive reports of and report out disease outbreaks, epidemics and implement investigation controls; much of this work was completed during the pandemic by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and could continue with SB 841.

Additionally, Senate Bill 841 will allow data sharing agreements for between the Tribes and the Prescription Drug Monitoring System and NWTEC, which will improve research, education and public health education.

If you need additional information or comments, please contact me at Kelly.rowe@grandrond.org or (503) 879-2075.

Sincerely,


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