



February 4, 2026

RE: Support Senate Bill 1570-1

To: Senate Health Care Committee

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA), we write to support Senate Bill 1570-1.

OHEA is a people of color-led collaborative, organized to center and uplift the wisdom of our communities of color through racial justice informed health equity policies and practices. OHEA serves Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties as one of nine regional health equity coalitions across Oregon.

Over the past decade, OHEA and other regional health equity coalitions have worked with communities and health systems to bridge healthcare access gaps and challenges, many stemming from historical and systemic inequalities and neglect, lack of access to resources, and a need to build relationships and trust. Oregon has experienced great strides and growth noted, including increased enrollments and visits, prioritizing culturally specific and responsive provider recruitment, investments from the state, and innovative, community-led policy and systems change. Now, with all of that hard work under threat we need your leadership and action to protect Oregonians' access to healthcare and Oregon's commitment for healthcare for all.

Senate Bill 1570-1 puts the responsibility on hospitals to delineate patient care areas where immigration enforcement is not allowed, except with a valid judicial warrant, and to designate supervisory staff to be the ones who interface with ICE and assess the validity of such warrants. It also establishes new protections for caregivers against retaliation for the sharing of know-your-rights information as well as increased patient information protection, so it is not in the hands of ICE.

[In Oregon, more and more immigrants are delaying care for themselves and their dependents](#), putting people at risk of worsened health, greater caretaking burden in the home, and increased fear and isolation. Hospitals and federally qualified health centers should be places that all Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, trust for their care. We need statewide direction that puts hospitals to the task of reinforcing privacy boundaries and high clinical standards.



This bill, along with the priorities of the Immigrant Justice Package and other data privacy legislation, identifies where communities are experiencing the most vulnerability and shows the need for intervention now. We ask you to protect Oregonians' access to healthcare without fear of violence by supporting SB 1570-01.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Oregon Health Equity Alliance