



## OREGON LEGISLATIVE BIPOC CAUCUS

February 26, 2026

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Phạm, Vice-Chair Elmer, and Members of the House Rules Committee,

**The BIPOC Caucus is in strong support of SB 1570A, the Healthcare Without Fear Act.**

For the legislative session, we released our policy agenda that focuses on protecting people and addressing injustices – upholding dignity, due process, and safety for every Oregonian, and making clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

Oregonians are increasingly afraid to seek medical care as federal agents have unregulated access to hospitals – with healthcare providers already seeing a rise in appointment cancellations and no shows. In response, the BIPOC Caucus has identified the Healthcare Without Fear Act as the caucus' top priority because healthcare facilities must never be weaponized, and they must never be places where patients or healthcare workers are fearful of armed federal agents.

**This bill is about one simple principle: no one should be afraid to seek medical care.**

What SB 1570A does is ensure Oregonians can seek care without fear of immigration enforcement accessing private patient areas without a judicial warrant, classify immigration status and place of birth as protected health information, and provide critical work protections to frontline healthcare providers treating their patients.

The BIPOC Caucus stands in support of SB 1570A because it reflects the very core of our policy agenda: upholding dignity, due process, and safety for every Oregonian, and making clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

**We strongly urge your support of SB 1570A, the Healthcare Without Fear Act.**

Sincerely,

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