



Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Libra Forde, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Women's Foundation of Oregon. We are writing in strong support of HCR 202.

At WFO, our work is grounded in a clear theory of change. We believe that when communities are given space to rest, dream, and imagine together, they generate the vision necessary to create systems that work for everyone. Policy should not only respond to crisis. It should reflect collective vision and shared possibility.

Over the past year, we have been gathering community collective dreams across Oregon. We have listened to women, girls, families, and community leaders describe what safety, health, and wellbeing truly look like in their lives. From this work, we have developed a policy framework rooted in collective dreams, called Abundance for All. This framework centers care, equity, community wellbeing, and the belief that systems should be designed to help people thrive.

HCR 202 aligns with this vision. The resolution sets a clear and hopeful direction for Oregon by establishing a statewide goal that by 2033 all Oregonians have access to quality and affordable health care, improved population health outcomes, and a system that is easier to navigate for both patients and providers. We support this measure because it reflects an understanding that health care is not only about coverage. It is about creating conditions where people can live healthy, stable, and meaningful lives.

Our collective dreaming work tells us that Oregonians want a future where care is accessible, systems are less complex, and communities experience dignity and wellbeing. These aspirations mirror the goals outlined in HCR 202. We see this resolution as an important step toward a more just and human-centered health system.

In addition to supporting this measure, WFO is building a Justice Index aimed at measuring justice in Oregon cities by 2033. This index will help us track whether policies and systems are truly improving lived experience across communities. We believe measurement matters, and that accountability to community vision is essential if we are serious about building a healthier Oregon.

HCR 202 represents the type of long-term, values-driven policy direction that allows organizations like ours to align community voice with statewide action. It signals that Oregon is willing to set bold goals and move toward a future shaped by care, equity, and shared responsibility.

Thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to share our support. We look forward to continuing to partner in building an Oregon where policy reflects the dreams and wellbeing of all people.

Respectfully,

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