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FR: Legislative Report on Racial Equity Working Group

DA: 2017 Regular Session

RE: Vote YEA on HB 3391B (Reproductive Health Equity Act)

HB 3391B is a Priority Bill for communities of color and we recommend a "YEA" vote on HB 3391B to ensure all Oregonians receive the full range of preventative reproductive healthcare services that are critical for health and economic security regardless of income, citizenship, gender identity or type of insurance.

HB 3391B will reduce barriers to reproductive health care that have profoundly harmful effects on our health and well-being, particularly among low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people. The bill establishes coverage for the full range of reproductive health care; codifies a nondiscrimination clause and the right to safe and legal abortion in Oregon; it also ensures that access to critical reproductive health services is not hinged on one's financial resources. We hope you will join us in our collective efforts to advance racial equity in Oregon by supporting HB 3391B.

Who we are: The 2017 Legislative Report on Racial Equity is a project of a Working Group of nonpartisan, community based organizations working to advance racial equity in Oregon. The Working Group includes the Coalition of Communities of Color, APANO, Basic Rights Oregon, Causa, Unite Oregon, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Western States Center and Oregon Voice. The project also includes an advisory committee of more than 20 organizations based in communities of color, immigrant/refugee communities and allied organizations.

Sincerely,

Amanda Manjarrez, on behalf of the Coalition of Communities of Color and the Legislative Report on Racial Equity Working Group.

If there is feedback on the Legislative Report on Racial Equity at any point, please contact Amanda Manjarrez at Amanda@coalitioncommunitiescolor.org.