

HOSPITALS SUPPORT HB 2011

ENHANCE CULTURALLY-COMPETENT HEALTH CARE WORKFORCES

On behalf of Oregon's 62 community hospitals and the patients they serve, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) supports HB 2011 and efforts to enhance cultural competency in the health care workforce. Cultural competency training allows hospitals to meet patients' social, cultural and linguistic needs thereby providing better care.

In 2015, the American Hospital Association, with the Institute for Diversity in Health Management, rolled out an initiative to address health equity called *#123forEquity Campaign to Eliminate Health Care Disparities*. One of the calls to action was for hospitals and health systems to increase cultural competency training. Oregon hospitals have taken this commitment seriously with many have developed their own cultural competency continuing education or have worked with community partners to provide training to all levels of staff.

HB 2011 would build on the cultural competency resource development efforts of HB 2611 (2013). OAHHS supports HB 2011 as a tool to ensure any professional staff employed in hospitals has a level of cultural competency training. Patient-centered care cannot be achieved without cultural competency, please support HB 2011.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR HOSPITAL IN SUPPORTING HB 2011



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