



Taking action for basic human needs.



To: House Health Care Committee
From: Human Services Coalition of Oregon
Date: March 15, 2021
Re: HB 2164 -3 and HB 3352, Cover All People

Chair Prusak and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO), I respectfully request your support for Cover All People, HB 2164 -3 and HB 3352.

For over three decades, HSCO has convened like-minded advocates in an effort to fight for the policy development and resources necessary to support vulnerable Oregonians. HSCO is made up of over 100 individuals and organizations that work together to develop effective tax, education, health care, housing, human services and economic development policy that together make Oregon a better place for all its citizens. Ensuring all Oregonian's have access to health care is an important part of ensuring our state's safety net is strong.

HSCO supports Oregon commitment's through the Oregon Health Authority to eliminate health inequities by 2030, and part of that commitment must be extending the Cover all Kids program to Cover All People. Cover All People would ensure anyone who is qualified for the Oregon Health Plan except for their immigration status can receive timely and preventative healthcare. It would help achieve healthy adults and healthy communities.

Cover All Kids has created a model for success. The expanded coverage and community outreach made increasing access among Oregon's kids possible. But we know that in addition, healthy parents play a critical role in the wellbeing of their children. Entire communities benefit from increased access to healthcare.

This pandemic has made clear the disparities in our health system, but they existed long before 2020. By creating Cover All People, the state can take a real, actionable step towards addressing health inequity. HSCO urges your support for Cover All People.

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