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Testimony in support, [HB 3352](#)
House Committee on Education, Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Dear Chair Prusak, Co-Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and
Representatives Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Drazan, Moore-Green,
Noble, and Schouten,

The Oregon Commission on API Affairs (OCAPIA), the Oregon
Commission on Black Affairs, the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
(OCHA), and the Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW), in their role as
advocates for communities of color and women, strongly support HB 3352.
HB 3352 calls for the renaming of "Health Care for All Oregon Children" to
become "Health Care for All Oregon" and expands eligibility to adults who
would qualify for Medicaid-funded state medical assistance programs or for
federal premium tax credits, were it not for their immigration status.

HB 3352 is an important bill for our state economy because it helps ensure
that our state has access to a strong and healthy workforce. Many of the
workers in industries critical to Oregon's economy – such as nursery
employees and the agricultural workers upon whom our restaurants and
grocery stores rely – are without health insurance. When these important
workers' health is vulnerable, Oregon's economic production is also
vulnerable. Oregon needs the healthy workforce that HB 3352 will support.

The COVID pandemic has highlighted how important it is for communities to care for each other
and to understand that helping each other maintain health is in our own self-interest as well as
the right thing to do. HB 3352 is a bill about equity; it is a bill about fairness; and, it is a bill that
deserves your support.

Sincerely,

Hussein Al-Baiaty/Mohamed Alyajouri, OCAPIA Co-Chairs

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