

Dear Committee,

As a physician, who has worked in public health areas as well as primary care, much of it with Black patients, I urge you to the required actions to help get HB2337 passed.

We so need better data & resources to address health equity. HB 2337 is an important piece of public health legislation. Racism is the underlying driver of many health disparities and it must be acknowledged and addressed meaningfully. Racism is pervasive and touches every sector. No institution or system that impacts the social determinants of health is exempt from this oppressive history and current-day reality. HB 2337 begins the work of acknowledging Oregon's racist history and contemporary inequities and makes resource investments in initial efforts to address health inequities among BIPOC folks in Oregon.

Thank you,
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