

I am an Oregon voter, living in Hood River, OR. I am also a family physician, working at a Federally Qualified Community Health Clinic. I see the effects of systemic racism daily in my work resulting in health disparities. I am writing in support of HB 2337. It is not a solution to the long entrenched issue, but is a starting point.

The following is a quote from Physicians for Social Responsibility, and I agree and support this statement. "Racism is the underlying driver of many health disparities, and no institution or system that impacts the social determinants of health is exempt from the oppressive history and current-day reality of racism. HB 2337 begins the work of acknowledging Oregon's racist history and contemporary inequities and makes resource investments to address health inequities among BIPOC communities in Oregon."

Thank you for all of the hard work you do for our extended Oregon community.

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