



HB 2337 Public Health Issues Related to Underserved Populations-Support

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Chair Smith-Warner, Vice-Chair Drazen and Member of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has been advocating for women and families since the early 1970's. First formed to support the Equal Rights Amendment, our focus has grown to equitable treatment of all Oregonians with an emphasis on women and children.

The legislation before you would address issues affecting many of our communities. By ensuring that the Oregon Advocacy Commissions are involved it would be the hope that all distinct populations in Oregon would be consulted.

The idea of mobile public health facilities would not only serve underserved populations but would address issues in some of Oregon's more rural areas. It is impossible to access preventative services if people do not have adequate transportation or access.

Keeping the Equity Officer involved keeps Oregon going in the right direction. It is way past time to acknowledge the inequities that have grown in Oregon since our very founding. This legislation would acknowledge our diverse population and work to address the issues of racism and bias in the provision of health for our citizens.

Please support this unique and forward-looking legislation.

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