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I am submitting testimony in favor of HB 4052 as Black woman who resides in the state of Oregon, and as a registered nurse. It is well documented that racial and ethnic health inequities persist in Oregon, as well as nationwide. What we have been doing isn't working and it is time to try new strategies to support the health and vitality of communities of color. Providing grants to support culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units is a great start to providing cultural appropriate and accessible care to historically minoritized communities. Access is the key word here, which extends far beyond financial or geographic accessibility. It is vitally important to establish avenues of care that meet communities where they are, culturally, linguistically, and physical with mobile units.