

**Confederated Tribes *of the*
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Testimony of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Senate Committee on Health Care
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The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with its views on, and support for, SB 469. The CTUIR urges the Committee to approve this bill.

Support of the HB 469 will provide support for qualifying Indian health profession students through a scholarship. In addition, it will also bring opportunity for Tribes in Oregon to fill critical health profession positions with our tribal communities that are desperately needed. The scholarship in exchange for commitment to work at tribal service sites after graduation will help fill the gap in health service for tribal communities.

The Oregon Health and Science University is a well-known institution and has supported Tribal communities with their outreach programs. The CTUIR is a strong supporter of the Indian Health Field because provides critical health services to Tribes in our state. SB 469 does offer opportunity for both students and Tribes to meet the needs of our Tribal peoples in the state of Oregon and the CTUIR urges support for SB 469.