



Representative Bobby Levy

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Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am testifying today to express my support for Senate Bill 469.

This bill would provide free tuition for Oregon tribal members pursuing a health professional degree at OHSU.

Various medical fields have shown that they are committed to building relationships with tribal partners across the state to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare. Across the state, in tribal clinics, the opportunities and challenges have been seen. The need for culturally aware providers is a priority, providers that understand the people that they are treating and have the tools to do so in a manner that meets the same standard of care that non-tribal communities receive.

I strongly believe that training more tribal members is the best way to increase access to highly skilled and culturally competent care. Removing potential financial barriers is a critical step to help encourage tribal members to pursue careers in the medical field.

Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58