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Fund the Latino Health System Task Force HB 3650

The Latino Health System Coalition urges the Ways and Means Committee to bring HB 3650 to the floor.

Oregon has made a great deal of progress in providing health care access to all Oregonians by expanding enrollment in the Oregon Health Plan and the Healthier Oregon Program.

However, newly insured Latinos are not using their new insurance benefits. Preventable health care conditions aren't being addressed in time. This disparity in health care has both human costs and public costs.

The experts in this field, including Latino providers, will bring the 2027 legislative session policy options to improve utilization and improve the health of Latinos such as:

- **Referral Network:** using the Connect Oregon system the task force will advise the OHA and legislature on how to create a system where Latino families and their providers can identify primary care, oral health, behavioral health and specialty care providers who specialize in linguistic and culturally specific care.
- **Workforce:** working with OHA, the CCOs, Workforce Councils and our health care professional schools in higher education, the Latino Health System Task Force will focus on growing the number of providers specializing in culturally appropriate care.

Many Oregon Latinos are struggling to make meaning of this moment. Supporting the effort to improve health care for Latinos sends a positive message that is more important now than ever.

HB 3650 passed from committee on a bipartisan "Do Pass" recommendation, with a fiscal impact under one million dollars.

Join us in making HB 3650 a priority.

Endorsing Organizations

Arcoiris Cultural
BestCare Treatment Services
CareSource
Douglas Latinas International
EDI Consulting, LLC
Familias en Acción
Health Care for All Oregonians (HCAO)
Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber
IZO Public Relations and Marketing
New Horizon Program
Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon Chapter of the National Hispanic Nurses Association
Oregon Council For Behavioral Health
Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC)
Oregon Medical Association (OMA)
OYEN Wellness
PacificSource
Plaza De Nuestra Comunidad
PODER Action Alliance
PODER Oregon's Latino Leadership Network
The Global Dementia Spectrum Project
Volunteers in Medicine
Willamette Valley Providers (WVP)
Northwest Family Services
Oregon's Public Services & Care Provider Union (SEIU)
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
Cuidate Oregon
Raíces de bienestar
Latino Business Alliance
Oregon Pediatric Society
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Latino Community Association

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