

Submitter: Margallee James

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB530

“Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I’m writing in support of SB 530. My name is Margallee James, and I am a community member. SB 530 will provide critical resources to RHECs so they can continue their work to reduce health inequities by identifying the most important issues impacting their communities. By assessing these barriers through grassroots community engagement, they are able to uplift the voices of their communities to create solutions to barriers through policy and systems change. RHECs need to be provided with funding that will keep up with the cost of doing business in our state so that they can continue to serve those most underserved and create a healthier, more resilient Oregon for all.

I support this bill because I have family members in five of the priority populations and many friends. I do what I can to provide what I can, through community volunteering and with my limited resources. They all need adequate support, without discrimination, from various resources in Coos County. The Regional Health Equity Coalition helps ensure that they have access to adequate services. These priority populations are a large part of our somewhat isolated community on the south coast. We are all in this together.

This resource is vital to our community and these resources will allow for an immediate increase in Regional Health Equity Coalitions capacity to support them. I urge you to vote yes on SB 530.”

Thank you,  
Margallee James