

March 1, 2025

Senate Committee on Health Care  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

RE: Senate Bill 528

HIV Alliance asks that you pass Senate Bill 528 in support of regional health equity coalitions (RHECs). The passage of this bill is critical to the well-being of these coalitions and their persistent reduction of health inequities across Oregon.

HIV Alliance is a nonprofit committed to supporting people living with HIV/AIDS and preventing new HIV infections throughout Oregon. As an agency, we provide wrap-around interventions that address the social determinants of health to protect people living with and at risk for HIV in our community. At HIV Alliance, we are dedicated to reducing HIV-related health disparities that impact LGBTQIA2S+, BIPOC, and rural communities to create a more just and equitable Oregon.

Senate Bill 528 will provide critical resources to RHEC members, such as HIV Alliance, so they can continue addressing health inequity by identifying the most important issues impacting populations in underserved, rural regions of Oregon. By assessing these barriers through grassroots community engagement, our coalitions are able to uplift community voices and create effective solutions through policy change and providing direct services. The expansion of RHECs will ensure that Oregon's priority populations will have their needs met.

As federal support for health equity diminishes, your support for the perseverance and growth of RHECs is more important now than ever.

HIV Alliance appreciates your consideration of Senate Bill 528. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Sincerely,  
Renee Yandel, Executive Director