

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

I am writing to express my support for **SB 530**. My name is Elijah Stucki and I am a member of the Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance and a nonprofit administrator who organization works with LBLHEA. SB 530 is essential for ensuring that RHECs can continue their important work in reducing health inequities by providing the necessary funding and resources to meet the needs of underserved communities.

This bill will also provide annual budgeted inflation adjustments to RHEC funding, ensuring that the organizations can keep up with rising costs and continue providing the services that are so vital for community health.

I support this bill because RHECs are critical to my community and the benefits it brings to priority populations. Oregon has goals of being an inclusive state and of eliminating health inequities. Orgs like RHEC's are vital towards continuing that mission.

These resources will allow RHECs to continue to strengthen their capacity and extend their support to the communities who need it most. I urge you to vote yes on **SB 530**.

Thank you,  
Elijah Stucki

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