

Submitter: Zaria Hamilton  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB528  
Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 528. My name is Zaria Hamilton, and I am a Reproductive Justice and Gender Affirming Care Advocate working for the South Coast Health Equity Coalition. I have worked for the coalition now for a little less than a year and being able to be a part of a team of people that offer comprehensive support to our underserved community is extremely rewarding. We provide no cost menstrual and sexual health products, conduct community listening sessions which include quantitative and qualitative data, facilitate a SANE Access Committee to address and alleviate the barrier of accessing sexual assault exams in Curry County, and partner with other community based and coordinated care organizations to share complaints we receive from community members to help inform needed systems and policy change. We are also able to provide scholarships to local medical students to create sustainable lasting solutions to ensure that our community can continue to access healthcare in our region for years to come. These are just a few of the ways in which we are able to show up for our community.

SB 528 will ensure that communities in other rural regions of Oregon are able to receive similar support from folks that look and live like they do. The resources we provide are essential to our community and this expansion of RHEC services can only improve the quality of care and life of Oregonians.

I urge you to vote YES on SB 528.

Thank you!