

February 28th,2025

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of SB 528. My name is Alma, and I am a community member. SB 528 will provide critical resources to RHECs so they can continue reducing health inequities by identifying the most important issues impacting priority populations in underserved, rural regions of Oregon. By assessing these barriers through grassroots community engagement, they are able to uplift the voices of their communities to create effective solutions through policy and systems change. The expansion of RHECs will ensure that priority populations all over the state are getting their needs met.

**I support this bill because:**

Mi nombre es Alma y estoy escribiendo esta Carta para compartir como la Coalicion de Equidad en sclud de la Costa Sur.

Antes de que la Coalicion llegara a Nuestro Condado no teniamos algunos de los servicios que temenos ahora en Espanol como acceso a un psicologo, club de lectura, clases de nutricion, clases de ingles como Segundo idioma y otros servicios.

Ademas de beneficiarnos recibiendo estos servicios nuestra comunidad se haunido mas gracias a los eventos donde nos reunimos. El apoyo y los beneficios de la coalition son muy importantes

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 528.**

Muchas Gracias,

Alma Stevens