

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 Aurora Fernandez, 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:

Quiero Agradecer infinitamente a:

"Coalición de Equidad de la Costa Sur"! por toda su ayuda y haberme permitido estar y - participar en todas sus actividades.

El cual me ha ayudado mucho, en mis alases de Ingles, pláticas motiuacionales y reuniones de convivencia, un agradecimiento especial a las personas encargadas de este programa por toda su amabilidad y atenciones.

Espero que cada dia se fortalezca aún mas y puedan abrir mas coaliciones en todo el país.

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.**

Thank you,

Aurora Fernandez