

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 Miguel Medina, 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:**

Yo Miguel Medina residente de Brookings OR, me siento muy contento con los servicios que esta ofreciendo la coalicion de equidad de la costa sur, para ayudarnos a salir Adelante.

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,

Miguel Medina