

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:**

Yo he tenido beneficio personal al obtener informacion que me a sidd muy util aprendiendo cosas que tal uez no sabia correctamente.

Como la ultima reunion que tubimos con la abogada como saber nuestros derechos.

El fomar porte de esta comunidad hispana me ayudo, mucho y me siento protegida al saber que hay una organizacion que nos mantiene infomados y Unidos.

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,

Rosalba Garibay