

Submitter: Ruby Jones
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB530
Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I'm writing in support of SB 530. My name is Ruby and I am a nurse in this community and a strong supporter of the RHECs. SB 530 will provide critical resources to RHECs so they can continue their work to reduce health inequities by identifying the most important issues impacting their communities. By assessing these barriers through grassroots community engagement, they are able to uplift the voices of their communities to create solutions to barriers through policy and systems change. RHECs need to be provided with funding that will keep up with the cost of doing business in our state so that they can continue to serve those most underserved and create a healthier, more resilient Oregon for all.

I support this bill because our coalitions are working with to provide resources and education and support for the most vulnerable in our community, and they need sufficient funds in order to be able to continue this work. Their events and projects have created safe places for countless community members who now know there are people advocating for them. Please support this bill to allow for our coalitions to keep their momentum going!

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 530."

Thank you,
Ruby