

February 28th, 2025

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

I'm writing in support of SB 530. My name is Soledad Ferrer, and I am a community member. SB 530 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 decir que está muy bien el programa todas las cosas que han hecho: las clases de inglés, el club de lectura, las clases de nutrición. Esperamos que sigan con estos programas para beneficio de la comunidad Latina.

Gracias por su ayuda para nosotros los Hispánicos

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.**

Muchas Gracias,

Soledad Ferrer