



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

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Senate Committee on Health Care
Senators Patterson, Hayden and Committee Members

RE: Support for SB 841

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians ("CTCLUSI" or "Tribe") in support of Senate Bill 841. This bill will allow the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division ("OHA") to enter into agreement with the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center ("NWTEC") to investigate diseases, access information to complete those investigations, and ensure access to confidential data.

The Tribe strongly supports this bill as it allows for the development of important collaborative partnerships with OHA to conduct work to address disease and otherwise address health issues facing Tribal members and the State as a whole. The sharing of data and reports allowed by this bill is essential to ensure that disease outbreaks are dealt with in the State.

Thanks for your consideration of this letter and we appreciate your leadership in passing this important bill.

Respectfully,

Brad Kneaper
Chair, Tribal Council
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