

## Support Testimony HB 2741

Hello, my name is Julissa K. Rivera-Rey. I am a second year law student at Willamette University College of Law. I graduated from Oregon State University in 2022 with a bachelors in public health and then spent my gap year working at a charter school in San Antonio, Texas. My background is rooted in a passion for academia and research as well as supporting children and their families.

I have been privileged enough to have access to strong medical care my whole life as both of my parents are in the military so I had Tricare. Additionally, both of my parents love research and are surrounded by other working professionals with which they can have educated discourse regarding current health recommendations and avenues to wellness. That being said, there are so many families lacking access to proper health care, guidance from their physician after life altering news regarding their child's health, and some that do not even have access to computers or the internet as a whole to research a new diagnosis. A diagnosis that was mostly likely riddled with hard to distinguish medical jargon and little follow-through. Even if parents are able to look up "next steps", the internet is filled with so much conflicting medical information that families have no idea where to begin.

Passing HB 2741 would mean streamlined support for families and early detection. This would mean more than just proper medical access to children but also educating parents on the nuances of their new diagnosis as well as providing support long term through a follow-up program designed to improve long-term care of individuals with medical conditions identified through screening.

Early detection could gravely impact the trajectory of a child's life by providing resources early on in a child's life. Oregon families deserve this level of care. That is why I support House Bill 2741.

Thank you,

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