



To: Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, and members of the committee,

Re: Support HB 2990

Date: 4/16/2025

Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 11,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13-15 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 26, 28, 29, 37, 40 and 42-50.

We support HB 2990 because it improves livability, road safety and economic stability. Having access to a vehicle and a driver's license is a key component to both economic stability and economic growth for individuals and families. It opens up countless family engagement, employment, health and educational opportunities for Oregonians everyday.

Driving is also still a highly risky daily activity with car accidents and fatalities impacting thousands of people every year. This is why driver education and licensing is so important. Improvements to DMVs training materials makes us all safer, drivers and non-drivers alike. Updating and modernizing DMV materials to ensure consistency and clarity is a good public investment.

Please vote yes for HB 2990