

The Oregon Health Equity Task Force  
is composed of leaders and community-based  
organizations representing BIPOC, Tribal,  
Immigrant and Refugee communities.



# RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

**HB 2337 declares racism as a public health crisis in Oregon.**

Racism causes harm, trauma, illness, and death to Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) Oregonians. HB 2337 acknowledges that Oregon's very founding as a state was rooted in racist ideals, and while the Black exclusionary laws are no longer on the books, the perpetuating and damaging impact of these and other racist policies continue to exist within our present-day policies and systems. Further, this bill signals the need for accelerated, intentional actions to heal these injustices and articulates strategies and investments to address health inequities.

## Initial strategies to address this crisis:

### Expand and support the collection of REAL-D data.

The collection of race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REAL-D) data reveals the unique inequities faced by specific communities across the state, and informs where targeted interventions are necessary.

### Disrupt policy and laws from maintaining racist outcomes.

A new Health Equity Policy Analyst for the Legislature will inform and shift perspectives in policy design and implementation to reduce racial inequities across social, economic, and political systems statewide.

### Meaningfully invest in community engagement to identify future strategies.

Oregon Advocacy Commission will host racial affinity groups to ensure community voice informs and directs how institutional racism and health equity strategies. Community members will be compensated.

### Increase health equity through language access.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will create an oversight body to ensure language access compliance to increase high-quality culturally and linguistically appropriate care statewide.

### Remove barriers to increase access and quality of care in BIPOC communities.

A pilot mobile health program will create a sustainable, culturally responsive model to increase access to care, informing a collaboratively-developed statewide plan.

### Increase community voice in the legislative process.

A new Equity Coordinator for the Legislature will elevate community voice, bridging the gap between those most affected and the legislative process. Community members will be compensated.

HB 2337 is endorsed by over 50 organizations and over 300 individuals working to combat racism

Racism is a public health crisis in Oregon.



# HB 2337 ENDORSEMENTS

## Organizations



## Individuals

Leslie Gregory • Amy Fellows • Jeni Canaday • Stick Crosby • Danielle Droppers • Ryan Bair • Dane Zahner • Charlie Bauer • Adrianna Rickard • Tammy Tate-Houdroge • John Mullin • Amanda Morris • Jennifer A. Fraga, MSW • Tiffany Conklin • Zachary Hathaway • Michelle D. Jones, Ph.D. • Anton Legoo • Tamara Falls • Emilie Lamson-SiuLillie Manvel • Sophia Bass • Roberta Rita Eaglehorse-Ortiz • Abby Mulcahy • Katie Riley • Kim La Croix • Ashley Vaughn • Chad Mann • Sarah DysRenee' Menkens • Connor Foley • Allison E. Myers, PhD, MPH • Javier Nieto • Suzanne Lady • Malika Edden Hill • Taylor Munro • Ayni Amir • May Low • Aundreen R Mitchell • Nikotris Perkins • Ayasha Shamsud-Din, MSEd, QMHP • Denise V Johnson • Martha Kaeser • Jacob Peel • Nekicia Luckett • Travis Nelson • Sam Engel • Kevin Sullivan • Javelin Hardy • Araceli Mendez • Lee Helfend • Stephanie Brown, RN • Anthony Fischer • Mike Gardner • Ana Hristić • Margaret Peoples • Catherine Thomasson, MD • Michael Cojocar • Jaylyn Suppah • Annie Naranjo-Rivera • Ellie Smith • Seth Cannon • Rich Rohde • Seemab Hussaini • Amy Harboldt • Katherine Lattimer, RN, BSN, Student PMHNP • Cara Koch • Laura Nissen • Samuel Gioia • Sally Mudiamu • Beckie Child, MSW • sheila c mullooly • Isaac Dixon, PhD • Anna Rockhill • Victoria Lopez, LCSW • Tamela Ressler • Alejandro Segura • Jessica Riutzel-Schmidt • Kari Goin • Danielle Phillips • Sarah Mercurio • Brandalyn Sprinkle • Michelle Lewis • Gina A Turner • Ann Matschiner • Celeste Seibel • David A. Nardone • Leslie Garcia • Karen Christianson • Edith Orner • Jenifer M Perry • Michelle Glass • Juan Franco • Nathaniel Boehme (he/him/his) • Linnaea Arnett • Haley Beach • Kristine Ly • Bridget Wells • Cassandra Smith • Kendra Fewell-Hartling • Stacy L Feder • Eileen J Sleva • Uchendu Iwuanyanwu • Marjorie Edwards, SPT • Margaret Moore • Erica Poppo • Amy Joslin • Emily Q • Glendora Claybrooks • Vickie M Larson-Hills • Michelle Field, CSWA MSW • Mitch Haas • Brandace Rojo • Michelle Harris • Kerri Paasche • Jaime Wood • Robin Will • Cordella Hopson • Jodeanne Bellant Scheer MD • Colin Sanders • Mike Yoshioka • Renee' Menkens • Maria Cahill • Danny Ryel • Sahar Yarjani Muranovic • Libby Kokes • Rebekah Bally-Larkin • Marisa Miller • Kristoffer Aas • Laura Jenson • Jackie Leung • Jenna Sather-Hubbard • Tyler TerMeer, PhD • Allison Poehler • Beth Crane • Melyn Smith • Daniel Altamirano Hernandez • Cameron Kokes • Cleophas Chambliss • Tabitha Jensen • Adam Peterson • Sally Snyder • Megan Fehrman • Carrie Furrer • Lea Ann Holder • Alexander Vasquez • Angel Harris, RN, BSN • Amy Black • Amanda Wall • Nick Sauvie • AlexAnn Westlake CNM • Megan Ludeña, MN, RNC-OB, NPD-BC • Danaya hall • Kyland de Vries • Brent Balog • Cathryn Cushing • Ellen Recko • Beth Poteet, MSW • Matthew Plies • Beth Sanders (she/hers) • John Munson • Stella Holmes-Wood • Willie Poinsette • Nancy Yuill • Maurice Phillips • Laura Alexander, LCSW, MPH • Ian Morton • Betsy L. Zucker • Julie Flindt • Pamela Case • Sarah Kowaleski • Patrick McDonald • Linda Milligan • Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW • Mary Stebbins • Deborah Sposito • Allison Hobgood • Natasha Davy • Catherine Potter • Mary Barbee • Natalie Finkel • Laurie Trieger • Christopher Boehme • Carol Salter • Penny L Moore • Janet Hamada • Tom Sincic • Jackie Murphy • Lara Ravitch • Diana RohlmanChristina CendejasStewart DeckerWest LivaudaisAbby WelterElaine HuynhWillow MurdockAmy Zlot • Charlene McGee • Jana Peterson-Besse • Jenn Latu • Janet Hamilton • Callie Lambarth • Gainell Irving • Angela Senders • Ray Atkinson • Andrea Kaplowe • Kevin Truong • Kathryn Menninger • Conchita Lovato • Lillian Tsai • Jackie Leung • Renee Stringham MD • Miranda Stienkopf • Julie Titus • Billie Travelstead • David Chatfield • Glendora Claybrooks • Sandi Thompson-Royer • Barb Prentice • Kim Summerhays • Jennifer Griffith-Weprin • Ken Rosenberg • Alison (Reta) Toshima • Marvin Lynn • Rev. Diana F. Scholl • Angeline Palmer • Carter Latendresse • Morgan Schafer • Anna Steeves-Reece • Gwen Jones • Cordelia Schimpf • Lindsey M. Stalling • Jordan Gemelas • Laura Chisholm, MPH PhD • Rose Selko • Karen Madden • Ileana Dorn • Susann Finnegan • Elena Esquivel • Donna Mills • Sandra Bean • Juan Franco • Kelly Campbell • Beth Poteet • Amity Calvin • Michael Recht • Tina Castañares • Andrea Hildebrand • Natasha Polensek • Emily Elman • Eugene Uphoff, M.D. • Megan Glines • Michael Garland • Michelle Inness • Harry Kershner • Daniel Shea • Susan Heath • Robert Lowe • Deonza Watson • Eleanor D • Forrest Rioux • Sarah Butler • Tonya Johnson • Lauren Kraemer • Kylie Sprague • Elizabeth (Liz) James • Laurie Johnson • Jenna Harms • Mary Murphy • JJ Hannigan

To stay up-do-date, follow [Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis in Oregon](#) on Facebook