

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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



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