

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 2918 and HB 2925 add funding and extend timelines for effective, anti-racist health outcomes

House Bill 4052 (2022) tasked Oregon Health Authority with creating a mobile health pilot program to improve health outcomes of communities impacted by racism; and tasked Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to collaborate with community-based organizations to convene affinity group task forces to identify health equity strategies and investments to improve health outcomes for communities of color.

HB 4052 did not include funding for the entire mobile health pilot program. OHA and OACO received less than half of the requested per biennium budget developed by the HB 4052 thought leaders. The \$1.2 million appropriation made to OHA for grants that must be spent by June 30, 2023, is insufficient for a five-year culturally- and linguistically-responsive mobile health pilot program.

HB 4052 required the OACO to convene affinity group task forces and complete the work by June 2023.

### HB 2918 and HB 2925 amend HB 4052 to fulfill the funding and timeline needs for accomplishing the requirements of HB 4052 as originally intended.

**HB 2918** provides \$4 million necessary to continue funding the mobile health pilot program, providing anti-racist and culturally and linguistically responsive health care to improve outcomes of Oregonians impacted by racism.

**HB 2925** extends the timeline for affinity group task forces convened by The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office and community-based organizations to meet, discuss, research and make policy recommendations that improve health outcomes of communities of color across the state from June 2023 to June 2026.

Additionally, **HB 2925** extends the timeline for OHA to develop recommendations on how to fund intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in the health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes.

