

Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA) Application for Policy Endorsement

Please limit your application to a maximum of 3 pages.

Send completed applications to: Nathaniel Boehme, Chair, OPHA Policy Committee
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Name of organization or individual submitting application: _____

Contact email and phone number: _____

1. *Summary of policy proposal or legislative concept, including bill number if appropriate:* _____

2. *How does this policy relate to other current or proposed legislation?* _____

3. *What are the expected outcomes of your policy on the health of Oregonians?*



4. *What has been the experience of this policy proposal in previous legislative session and/or other states?* _____

5. *What is the fiscal impact of the policy?* _____

6. *Who are the lead agencies or people (including legislators) in the advocacy effort and what resources do they bring to this effort?* _____

7. *Are there other organizations that have signed on in support?* _____

8. *Who are the opponents? What arguments are used to oppose this policy?* _____

Health equity is [a guiding value](#) of OPHA. APHA defines health equity as, “everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health.” At OPHA, we add our voices to the [APHA](#) in stating, “Racism is an ongoing public health crisis that needs our attention now”.

Health Inequities are created when social, economic, environmental, or other conditions create barriers that prevent individuals and communities from experiencing optimal healthy conditions where we live, work, play and learn. These barriers disadvantage individuals and communities from reaching their full human potential.

Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by disadvantaged populations.

When will we have achieved health equity? When health disparities are eliminated.



1. Does this bill address a health inequity? Please provide any supporting data, or identify how this bill will collect data to measure change in disparities if enacted. _____

2. Does this bill create a realistic opportunity to reduce health disparities in one or more populations? Please provide a detailed description. _____

3. Is there demonstrated community support or opposition for this bill from community groups? Please specify. _____

If endorsed by OPHA, how best can OPHA support this proposal? The OPHA Policy Committee will let you know how much support we can offer.

- Use OPHA's name/logo on fact sheets, endorsee list
- Post information on website
- Written/oral testimony
- Meetings with legislators
- Action Alerts to members
- Letters to the editor
- Other _____

**Endorsements will be shared on the OPHA website
and in other advocacy venues.**

For more information on OPHA's Health Policy & Advocacy Committee, visit:
<http://www.oregonpublichealth.org/policyadvocacycommittee>