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House Bill 2134

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filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Health Care
for Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and Oregon Health
Equity Alliance)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to standards for collection of demographic data; and
declaring an emergency.

Whereas the data collection standards used by state agencies
are inconsistent and insufficient to adequately assess the status
and needs of Oregon's communities of color, and immigrant and
refugee communities; and

Whereas inadequate data collection standards make it difficult
to analyze how race, ethnicity and language impact individual and
community health, making services more expensive and less
effective in addressing community needs; and

Whereas improved data collection supports more effective
interventions to address persistent disparities and protects
public entities from liabilities arising from violation of civil
rights laws; and

Whereas improvements in data collection standards are needed to
ensure state of the art, efficient, uniform and consistent data
collection by race, ethnicity and preferred language; now,
therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. { + (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in
collaboration with the Department of Human Services, shall adopt
by rule uniform standards, based on local, statewide and national
best practices, for the collection of data on race, ethnicity,
preferred spoken and written languages and disability status. The
authority and the department shall use the standards, to the
greatest extent practicable, in surveys conducted and in all
programs in which the authority or the department collects,
records or reports such data. The authority and the department
shall review and update the standards at least once every two
years to ensure that the standards are efficient, uniform and
consistent with best practices.

(2) The authority shall appoint an advisory committee in
accordance with ORS 183.333 composed of individuals likely to be
affected by the standards and advocates for individuals likely to
be affected by the standards. + }

SECTION 2. { + No later than June 1, 2014, and every two years
thereafter, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of

Human Services shall report to the appropriate committees of the
Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the

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implementation of section 1 of this 2013 Act. The report must
include, but is not limited to:

(1) A description of the uniform standards for data collection
and the implementation of the standards across all data systems;
and

(2) The challenges to implementing systemwide standards and the
plan for addressing the challenges. + }

SECTION 3. { + This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency
is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its
passage. + }

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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