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Chair Monnes-Anderson and members of the Committee:

The Oregon School-Based Health Alliance and the Oregon School-Nurse Association would like to offer some amendments to the current version of SB 130, included here. We suggest that we remove any regulatory language and instead begin with a pilot project that can inform future regulatory proposals.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Hinman".

Maureen Hinman



## Suggested Revised Language for SB 130

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "School-based health center" has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.225.
- (b) "School nurse" means a registered nurse working in a school setting.
- (c) "Telehealth" means the use of electronic and telecommunication technologies to deliver health care services to a patient.
- (d) "Distant site" is the site at which the physician or other licensed practitioner delivering the service is located at the time the service is provided via telecommunications.
- (e) "Originating site" is the location of the patient at the time the service being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs.

The Oregon Health Authority shall distribute grant funds to school-based health centers for the purpose of a pilot project to expand student access to critical physical and mental health services, and improve health and educational outcomes for youth through telehealth.

A school-based health center will be eligible for funds if there is an agreement with a school district that the school-based health center will provide telehealth services as the distant site in conjunction with a school nurse at the originating site. The school-based health center must agree to provide a portion of grant funds to the school district to support costs. The school-based health center must maximize billing for telehealth services.

Grant funds may be used for a) school nurse, school-based health center provider, technical, and administrative staff time, b) technical equipment necessary to provide telehealth services, c) technical assistance specific to telehealth functions, and d) other costs related to providing telehealth services.

The Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Department of Education, shall provide coordination among school-based health centers and school districts receiving moneys under this section.

The Oregon Health Authority may coordinate with one or more statewide nonprofit organizations that have experience supporting school-based health centers and school nurses for the organization to provide technical assistance to school-based health centers and school districts receiving moneys under this section.

Each participating school-based health center shall provide regular reports on the progress of the district's pilot program to the Oregon Health Authority to enable the Authority to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program. The Oregon Health Authority shall provide an evaluation to assess telehealth pilot sites on components such as billing practices, access to services, impact on school absences, and workflow practices.

At the end of the pilot period, the Oregon Health Authority shall compile a report to the legislature listing outcomes as well as recommendations as to whether the program should be continued.