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Good Afternoon,

Chair Rob Wagner, Vice-Chair Chuck Thomsen, Members of the committee Sara Gelser, Mark Hass and Dallas Heard.

My name is Nick Troxel. I live in Tillamook Oregon. I am a Tillamook School District Board Member & Detective. I come before you today in support of Senate Bill 665.

In my capacity as a Tillamook School Board member I have been working on changing the Oregon Revised Statutes to allow Oregon school districts to have a policy to store, administer, and maintain Narcan. As things are currently the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rule conflict in regard to this topic, therefore not allowing this medicine to be in our school houses.

I have been working with the Oregon School Boards Association since May of 2018 to come to a simple solution to this problem. At the beginning of this legislative session, Senator Betsy Johnson agreed to draft, on my behalf, SB 665, which would have ODE adopt rules to allow school districts to develop policies to store, administer, and maintain Narcan. As the legislative session has moved forward, I have asked for support for this bill to become law. In conversations with Oregon Department of Education Superintendent Colt Gill, he told me he doesn't see why this bill won't pass as it just makes sense to him.

I contacted Kevin Campbell, Lobbyist for the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police & Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. Mr. Campbell advised me he has met with the Chiefs and Sheriffs Legislative Committee. Mr. Campbell told me I can mention to you that the Chiefs and Sheriffs are supportive of my efforts moving this legislation forward. Mr. Campbell further stated that with the craziness of the session, he won't be able to testify but I can identify the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police & Oregon State Sheriffs' Association in support of this bill.

I have been asked if I know of any overdose situations within our Schools in the State of Oregon. The answer is no. No, I haven't heard of an overdose. Heaven forbid we have an overdose within our Schools in Oregon. But, if we do, I sure hope we can have access to the medicine to reverse an overdose. We do have AED's, 1st Aid Kits and epinephrine in our schools. So, with that being said, why wouldn't we have Narcan in our Schools as well?

At the end of December 2018, while a fellow Tillamook City Police Detective was field testing a controlled substance, he was exposed to an unknown drug, suspected Opiate. During this testing the Detective began experiencing symptoms of an Opiated overdose. The other Officer who was observing (as per our new field-testing process) handed the Narcan to the Detective. Once the Detective took the four milligram nasal dose of Narcan the effects immediately reversed. He was transported to the hospital and was checked

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out and released with no side effects. This is just one example of why we need Narcan in our Schools.

I have been a sworn Police Officer in the State of Oregon for over 16 years. I have personally witnessed overdose victims and the positive effects of Narcan in saving lives. I have spent four years as a School Resource Officer in our Tillamook Schools. I have served for over five years as a Detective. With my training and experience in mind, I submit to you the need for Narcan to be in our Schools as another means of saving lives of students, staff, Law Enforcement and other visitors to our Schools.

I believe this is just a common-sense solution and won't have an issue moving forward. I hope you too will be able to support this bill by moving it forward.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Troxel