



The Oregon Affiliate of
The American College
of Nurse-Midwives

SB 127
Testimony in Support
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Chair Salinas, Vice Chairs Hayden & Nosse, and members of the committee. My name is Lori Swain, and I am a Certified Nurse-Midwife speaking on behalf of the Oregon Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Earlier this session, I submitted testimony against the earlier form of this bill, SB 65 as the Certified Nurse-Midwives in the state had not yet been involved in the decision to move forward with a new license type and the manner in which it would be created. At that time, we had concerns that a new license type could cause changes in statute that would inhibit full scope practice for nurse-midwives.

Since that hearing, we have had several collaborative meetings with Ms Jason and Ms. Holtry from the Oregon State Board of Nursing. SB 127 now addresses our concerns and we are in full support. We would like to express our appreciation of the willingness of OSBN leadership to come to the table and work toward a plan that would be acceptable for all parties.

Our only request is that the use of the word "nurse-midwifery" be spelled consistently with a hyphen, recognizing our education in the 2 disciplines of nursing and midwifery.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 127.

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