



Testimony in Support of HRC 11

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House Rules Committee

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Good afternoon Chair Smith Warner, Vices Chairs Drazan and Holvey and members of the Committee.

My name is Akil Patterson, and I serve as the Oregon Nurses Associations Political Organizer; today, I submit to you testimony on behalf of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) of nearly 15,000 registered nurses and Professionals throughout the state. I am honored to represent them and serve as a voice for our member organization, the Nurse Practitioners of Oregon.

ONA Wishes to join in support of HCR 11, which would more accurately reflect this great state's nature and honor all people who have come to call this State home. Simply put, it would recognize the beauty of this state the majestic surroundings that have become part of the healthy lifestyles people flock from all over the world to enjoy.

The Oregon Nurses Association is 20 years older than our state song founded in 1904, our values that we honor, including Respect, Integrity, Solidarity, Leadership, Professional Excellence and Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity. Nothing changes our past; even as it may have had flaws, but it does not prevent us from improving our future together.

HCR 11 corrects and modernizes a state song that reflects the world of yesterday and today.

ONA supports HCR 11, and we ask that you vote favorably to move the bill out of committee.