

I am Karen Pyeatt, BSN, RN, NCSN, a native Oregonian and nurse of 36 years (the last 11 in the school setting). I support of legislation which would provide more uniformity and voice for the nurses who work in the school setting. I am fortunate to work in a district with 7 RNs to oversee the health and safety of nearly 10,000 students. We are all members of OSNA and NASN, a cost that is paid for by our district as they see the value in maximizing our professional exposure so we can pass along to our students the most current and helpful efforts. We all do better when we have as much support as possible, no matter our title. This registered nurse at ODE will allow more uniformity to our work with students, no matter where in Oregon they live and learn. If Covid-19 has shown us anything, it is that we need support from all levels to do our best work and provide our communities health and hope.

Supporting our students and our state,
Karen