



# Support House Bill 2600

## Improving Representation on OSBN

### **ENHANCE THE VOICES OF LONG TERM CARE NURSES AND CNAS.**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor. The Board needs better representation from nurses or certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who work in licensed long term care communities. This has been particularly important during the pandemic when policy issues impacted nurses and CNAs in long term care settings differently than in hospitals and acute care settings. Balanced representation is important for overall efforts to enhance quality care.

Currently, Oregon's Governor is required by law to strive to balance representation on the Board according to ethnic group and geographic areas of the state. HB 2600 adds a third element the Governor should consider: the setting in which the member practices nursing or provides care.

HB 2600 does not mandate appointments or create new positions. It simply encourages better representation on the Board from a wider variety of health care settings in Oregon.

