

SB 523 Testimony-

My name is Victoria Bailey and I am a nursing student at Clackamas Community College in Milwaukie. I am here today to urge your support of Senate Bill 523, which would give community colleges the ability to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Having the opportunity to pursue a BSN at my local community college would expand the option for many students who are just like me to earn a higher degree to better serve our communities as nurses and leaders without the financial stress and location limitations. Clackamas community college is here to serve the community, with the ability of this Senate Bill, you will aid in how this community college serves this community in more ways than imagined. I will be able to graduate with my BSN months shorter than having to transfer to two universities before I graduate. Without this bill, aspiring nurses like me will continue to struggle with obtaining higher education.