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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2927

My name is Abigail Dunn. I am a registered nurse at OHSU Doernbecher Children's hospital on the hematology/oncology unit, where we care for children who are hospitalized due to the complications of sickle cell disease. I am testifying to support the HB 2927 bill.

I personally took care of a child who came in during a sickle cell crisis and one of the providers demonstrated poor understanding of the patho-physiology of the disease to properly care for the child. One of the orders made for this child could have potentially complicated and worsened the child's condition. This is only one example on why it is so important that our care providers are knowledgeable in the complexity and management of sickle cell disease. Given the history of inequity in our healthcare system, sickle cell primarily affects Blacks/Hispanics - regardless of race, all of our patients at OHSU deserve the right to coordinated, safe and sufficient care. The HB 2927 bill supports this.

Thank you for your consideration in voting for this bill.

Sincerely,

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