

To: Oregon House of Representatives
From: Ann F Martin
Current ADN Nursing Student
Oregon Coast Community College
Date: April 23, 2023
RE: Support for SB 523

Dear Oregon House of Representatives Members,

I am currently attending Oregon Coast Community College in Lincoln County. I would like to provide my FULL support of SB 523. This bill would positively impact my education and those who live within Lincoln County.

The RN to BSN bridge program does not require clinical hours. Therefore, I will have met the clinical requirements before being accepted into the RN to BSN program. This eliminates the concern over lack of clinical space.

To date, Lincoln County does not have a school that offers a RN to BSN bridge program. I would have to travel a great distance to attend an accredited college offering this program. The cost of travel time and establishing new bonds with professors and fellow nursing students would be considerable. Not to mention tuition at a community college is substantially lower.

Lincoln County is in great need of qualified nurses. Having the ability to complete my BSN at the community college close to my home would further the quality of nursing care I am able to offer my clients.

Living in a rural area requires one to think outside the box. Passing SB523 is a positive move to provide nurses autonomy through a quality BSN program to give outstanding professional nursing care within the community they live. This is a win-win situation for everyone.

Thank you for your time,

Ann F Martin