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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: HB3596

HB 3596 passed unanimously out of the House Behavioral Health and Health Committee. This is what is needed by your constituents to properly and SAFELY staff your operating rooms in the state of OREGON.

On April 11 - Virginia passed HB 2222 allowing not only apprenticeships, but hospital-based training programs and institutionally accredited schools that produce students eligible for NCCT or NBSTSA credential to work. This dangerous shortage is not only in Oregon, but also across the country.

Please vote in support of HB 3596 and allow Oregon to do what other states have already put into practice. Ensuring all routes for qualified and properly trained surgical technologists are allowed to work in the state, and not just one small, and select group of them.

Thank you,

Colleen Leard TS-C (NCCT)