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I am a Nurse Practitioner who works at a School based Health Center in Central Point caring for middle school students. Our services provide immediate care for school injuries, which are common in teen agers, and support emotionally distressed students with therapists available every week day. We assist teachers at times who have health issues and difficulty accessing care during the week. We provide efficient and convenient primary care with sports physicals, vaccinations, and treatment for common medical conditions like ear infections, asthma, and headaches. And we also see siblings of students at our school who may have difficulty accessing care in the community. Having services at school provides a young population with the experience of getting health care as they need it in a safe space with privacy. It is a perfect time of life to help people understand and utilize preventative care effectively. Students don't have to lose valuable learning time for appointments off campus. For all these reasons we need to resource the entire state so all schools can benefit from school-based health centers. This care also fills some of the holes in primary care services across our state. Please support HB 4070.