

Submitter: Marivi Wright

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4070

My name is Marivi Wright and I am the health services coordinator for a school district.

I'm writing in support of HB 4070, which provides critical resources that youth and families across Oregon need now. Oregon students have limited access to school nurses; 25% of districts have no school nurse and another quarter of districts have less than one full time school nurse. Since 2019, School Health Services Planning Grants, funded by legislation such as this bill, have improved access to school nursing services in grantee districts, and led to the creation of a School Nurse Pilot Program. This program has begun the essential work of defining what school nursing model can offer students.

I support this bill because SHSPG/SNPP has provided much needed guidance to help improve our services and navigate the many challenges we have. The number of students we have with medical needs keep increasing. The tools provided by this grant has been vital to identifying what the district needed to work on to improve serving our students. This grant is facilitating collaboration with other districts and providing funds for another nurse. Overall, the grant is helping us to increase access to quality school nurse services. Please support this HB and the medical resources our students need!

Oregon students need access to school nurses and this bill will continue efforts to increase this access. I urge you to vote yes on HB 4070."

Thank you,

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