

Written Testimony for HB 2948

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Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill 2948

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Janis Hootman and I am a retired registered nurse who provided school nursing services for 30 years in Multnomah County, Oregon and am a past president of the National Association of School Nurses and a grandparent of school age children. I strongly support **HB 2948**, which ensures that **only** a registered nurse may supervise a nurse in a school setting concerning nursing practice. I request your support likewise to ensure the provision of safe, quality health services for Oregon's students and to afford resource accountability to Oregon's citizens and taxpayers.

I am dismayed, ethically and financially, that this issue has continued for 40 plus years taking the time of you, the legislators, nurses, educators, and parents to clarify, teach, and intervene with the challenges and consequences of illegal oversight of nursing practice. Let us allow our limited resources of school nurses to use all of their time, expertise, and vitality to provide students' health services rather than siphoning this essential provider's ongoing attention to defense of safe nursing practice. As well, time equates to money. It is time to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in our public sectors. It is essential to codify in **HB 2948** qualified nurse practice supervision in schools for safety and economical accountability to Oregon's taxpayers.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am willing to answer questions or provide additional insights based on my experience. I believe the Oregon School Nurse Association (contact: wniskanen.osna@gmail.com) will provide any detail you need regarding nursing practice.

Respectfully,

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