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Oregon State Legislature  
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
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**RE: HB 2748, relating to the use of nursing titles**

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon is a mission-driven nonprofit association representing Oregon's 61 community hospitals. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer Oregon with equitable access to quality health care, HAO provides services to Oregon's community hospitals to support their work delivering dependable, comprehensive health care to their communities. We educate government officials and the public on the state's health landscape, and work collaboratively with policymakers, community organizations, and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's four million residents.

We support HB 2748, which prohibits a nonhuman entity, such as artificial intelligence (AI), from using the title "nurse" and other titles for specified health care professionals. We appreciate Rep. Nelson's work on this issue and believe it will be helpful to patients to have this clarity. Additionally, we will work with Rep. Nelson to craft a definition for the "use of a title" to meet the goal of the legislation—protecting the integrity and dignity of health care workers who have the training and experience necessary for providing care to patients.

While AI tools are growing in popularity and prevalence in the health care industry, they are different than the care that nurses provide patients. Dedicated, compassionate, and highly trained nurses are central to the provision of high-quality care in hospitals.



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Sincerely,



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#### **About the Hospital Association of Oregon**

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO) is a mission-driven, nonprofit trade association representing Oregon's 61 hospitals. Together, hospitals are the sixth largest private employer statewide, employing more than 70,000 employees. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer, more equitable Oregon where all people have access to the high-quality care they need, the hospital association supports Oregon's hospitals so they can support their communities; educates government officials and the public on the state's health landscape, and works collaboratively with policymakers, community based organizations, and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's four million residents.



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