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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 2948

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

My name is Tanya Martin and I am a registered nurse in the K-12 school setting in Springfield Oregon. I have been a nurse for 14 years, with 8 years dedicated to school nursing. I am writing to express my strong support for **HB 2948**, which ensures that only a registered nurse may supervise a nurse in a school setting concerning nursing practice.

As a school nurse, I play a critical role in ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of students with diverse medical needs. The complexity of my work requires adherence to professional nursing standards and clinical judgment. **HB 2948 recognizes the importance of having qualified supervision specific to nursing practice.**

In Springfield, our nurses, and therefore our students, are fortunate to have a Nurse Administrator to support their school nursing practice, but that hasn't always been the case. Prior to COVID-19, and when I started my career in school nursing, I was supervised by educational administrators. I had to rely heavily on my professional organization to support my nursing practice in a brand new to me setting.

I feel very privileged to now be that Nurse Administrator for nurses in Springfield. My position allows me to support nurses so they can focus on the care they are providing for their students. **HB 2948** would provide the safeguards needed for all nurses practicing school nursing in Oregon, by ensuring that their clinical nursing practice is supervised by someone with appropriate training and expertise, therefore keeping our students safe.

Thank you for reading this testimony. I hope you can support HB 2948.

Respectfully,



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