



Chair Nosse, Vice chairs Javadi and Nelson,

Oregon Education Association (OEA) strongly supports HB 2948.

OEA represents over 41,000 educators and education service professionals across the state, from pre-k through our community colleges. Our members are teachers, bus drivers, custodians, teacher assistants, nutrition specialists, community college staff, and most importantly for this bill, School Nurses.

HB 2948 ensures that Oregon's school nurses can safely and effectively provide care to students by aligning supervisory roles with the standards of the Nurse Practice Act. This law is clear: **only licensed registered nurses (RNs) may make nursing judgments, including clinical decisions about care plans, medication administration, delegation needs, and health assessments.**

Allowing non-nursing personnel to oversee or direct clinical nursing practice undermines the nursing profession's integrity, creates stressful working environment, and jeopardizes our students' safety.

School nurses are highly trained professionals who bring critical medical expertise to our schools, often managing complex care needs for students. HB 2948 honors their knowledge and the Nurse Practice Act by ensuring that clinical supervision and judgment remain the sole responsibility of licensed RNs. It also allows administrators to oversee non-clinical tasks like scheduling and workplace policy adherence, respecting the broader structure of school operations.

This bill is essential to:

1. **Protect Student Safety:** Ensuring only qualified professionals oversee clinical nursing tasks reduces risks and improves care quality.
2. **Uphold Nursing Standards:** By maintaining compliance with the Nurse Practice Act, we reinforce the integrity of the nursing profession in the school setting.
3. **Clarify Roles:** HB 2948 eliminates confusion over supervision boundaries, promoting collaboration between nurses and school administrators.

We urge you to support this critical workforce in our educational settings, and protect our students, nurses, and the professional standards safeguarding school health services.

Thank you,

Cynthia Branger Muñoz