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I am writing to express my support for HB 2948. I currently work as a Nursing Supervisor with Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) and prior to that worked as a school nurse for MESD. Having worked in both roles I have witnessed the value to student health outcomes having school nurses supervised by nurses. HB 2948 ensures nursing decisions are made by licensed professionals with appropriate clinical expertise, protects students' health by maintaining the integrity and safety of nursing care in schools and prevents unqualified administrators from making clinical decisions that could endanger students. School nurses manage students' medical conditions, through the nursing process, assessing, thinking critically and using nursing judgement to plan and implement interventions. This bill protects the integrity of clinical nursing practice in school settings by ensuring that only qualified RNs supervise clinical aspects of nursing care. Thank you.