

Dear Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee Members,

Thank you for considering Bill HB2948, Hannah's Law. Nursing, the provision of care to members of a community, has been an integral part of Oregon schools for generations. With roots in public health, communicable disease prevention was the role of early nurses providing care in schools. Today, school nurses provide evidence-based health and mental health to all students, along with chronic disease management, emergency medication training, communicable disease management, and much more. These are complex processes that require specialised medical knowledge provided by licensed nurses, and to that end, supervision and evaluation by licensed nurses. We would never expect an administrator in a hospital system to evaluate physician care, likewise we should not expect a school principal to have the knowledge base to be able to evaluate school nursing practice.

Please support Bill HB2948, Hannah's Law to ensure that school nurse practice is evaluated by nurses so that all students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Sincerely,

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