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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Rachel Prusak, and I am the Executive Director at the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) and a member of the Oregon SAE/SANE Certification Commission. *The mission of The Oregon State Board of Nursing is to protect the public through regulatory excellence and promoting the wellness of our nursing professionals.* Please accept this written testimony for HB 3070, which appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force to manage the Oregon SAE/SANE Certification Commission.

As outlined by OAR 137-084-0500, the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force facilitates the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and Sexual Assault Examiners (SAE) Certification Commission. The Commission plays a crucial role in approving the certification of registered nurse practitioners and nurses practicing in Oregon who fulfill the requirements to become a SANE/SAE. The Commission, with its nine members, including a representative from OSBN, is instrumental in ensuring the highest standards of care in our state.

The Representative from OSBN plays a pivotal role in ensuring that certification decisions are comprehensive, balanced, and uphold the highest standards of care, with a focus on ensuring that nursing-specific standards are met, particularly those related to patient care, ethics, and scope of practice as defined by professional nursing guidelines. I had the privilege to be the representative throughout 2024 and have just recently passed the honor onto an OSBN nurse investigator who is also a certified sexual assault nurse examiner.

It is the Commission's mission to ensure that nurses who provide sexual assault medical care and conduct forensic examinations in Oregon have the necessary training and qualifications to do so in accordance with the best standards of care. In closing, appropriations for the SANE Certification Commission will ensure all survivors have access to competent medical care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Prusak", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Mission: The Oregon State Board of Nursing is committed to protecting the public through regulatory excellence and promoting the wellness of our nursing professionals.

Vision: A Safe and healthy Oregon promoted through a healthy and diverse nursing workforce.