

HB 2423 Written Testimony Template

Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kimberly Marsh, and I am a school nurse.. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB2423, which will establish the School-Based Health Professionals Taskforce to ensure that licensing board rules accurately reflect the realities of working in school settings.

By creating a dedicated space for licensing boards to review their rules in the context of schools, HB2423 addresses the unique challenges faced by school-based health professionals. This adjustment will lead to more appropriate licensing standards, which in turn will boost recruitment and retention of qualified professionals. Consequently, professionals will feel more secure in their roles, enabling them to better serve students by minimizing burdensome regulatory hurdles.

I urge you to support HB2423 so that Oregon's licensing boards can establish clear, appropriate guidelines for school-based health professionals, improving both professional retention and student access to necessary services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Kimberly Marsh, RN, School Nurse

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