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#### HB 2423 Written Testimony

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

My name is Karen Pyeatt, RN BSN NCSN, and I am a district nurse, 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.

Nurses in schools are typically spread out over many buildings. It's not unusual for parents to ask for students to "check in with the nurse" at school before they reach out to their own provider. I am at 2 of my schools one day a week, which can make that strategy less than timely. We work in unique settings from all our other nurse colleagues and our area of possible support covers all areas, throughout a child's body. We train various educational staff for any type of emergency that could arise in the schools, as well as delegation for specific care. Every student deserves access to a nurse every day.

I urge you to support HB2423 so that Oregon's licensing boards can establish clear, appropriate guidelines to ensure that school-based health professionals are regulated in a way that makes sense for their actual work. When licensing requirements do not reflect the realities of their practice, professionals face additional hurdles, and students ultimately lose access to the critical services they deserve in order to access their education as fully as possible.