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HB 2423 Written Testimony Template

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

My name is Megann McGill and I am speech-language pathologist (SLP) currently working with K-8th grade students at the Community Transitional School in Portland, Oregon. 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.

HB 2423 ensures that licensing boards have a dedicated space to discuss how their rules function in school settings. This is not a workload/caseload issue, but an opportunity to intentionally create/revise licensing rules so that they are appropriate for school-based healthcare professionals. As an SLP who has worked in a variety of settings (including hospitals, private practices, and schools), I recognize that school-based health professionals work in unique conditions that differ from other settings. Our licensing standards should reflect these differences.

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,
Megann McGill, PhD, CCC-SLP