

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

My name is Tracy Evers-Selleck, and I serve as a District Nurse in Hillsboro. I have been in this role for 22, during which I have had the opportunity to provide essential health services to our students while collaborating closely with the educational team.

I am writing in support of House Bill 2423, which proposes the establishment of the School-Based Health Professionals Taskforce.

In my role as District Nurse, I am responsible for Lead Nurse. Serve independent and community transition services/medically fragile adult program.. Over the course of my career, I have observed that current licensing requirements—despite their good intentions—do not always align with the unique needs of the school environment. For example, Licensing rules have created barriers to safely and effectively care for students. A registered nurse practicing in a school setting is unique and challenging. Time is taken away from caring for students with medical needs and creating relationships with families. The resistered nurse has a big responsibility as the health care provider in the district to provide staff trainings, caring for students and educating families, A process to address concerns is needed to maximize our health expertise provided daily to schools..

Many regulations do not align with the scope of practice in a school setting. HB2423 is needed to ensure that Oregon's licensing boards can create appropriate guidelines for school-based health professionals. This will improve student access to essential health services..

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue to improve student access to essential health services.

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Sincerely,  
Tracy Evers-Selleck  
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Hillsboro