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

My name is Jacqueline Taylor, and I am a Speech Language Pathologist in the Reynolds School District. 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.

The school setting is a vastly different place to practice my clinical skills than any clinic or hospital. One key difference that stands out for me is the rules around record keeping that require electronic signatures. My district did not provide a systematic way for us to keep electronic records with electronic signatures until this year. This could likely be due to funding or prioritization that is out of my control.

HB2423 ensures that licensing boards have a dedicated space to discuss how their rules function in school settings—this is not about workload, but about making sure regulations are appropriate for professionals working in schools.

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,

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