

TO: House Committee on Education FROM: Oregon School Boards Association & Coalition of Oregon School Administrators DATE: March 14, 2025 RE: HB 2423

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on HB 2423, which would establish a task force bringing together the regulatory boards of various health professions with practitioners who work in schools.

We know from prior experience that there can be a disconnect between the practice of health care in clinical settings and in schools, with previous examples of rules crafted by various boards that have simply not taken into account the impact on service delivery in a school setting. We therefore understand the value in this conversation.

We have two requests for improving this bill and the dialogue we believe it will foster:

- Add seats for administrators to the task force so that any discussions about staffing in schools and/or the needs of school staff include the perspective of those who are responsible for meeting state requirements and navigating local hiring and budgeting processes
- Include language to ensure that when discussing health care records in a school setting, the task force is consulting with professionals with expertise in maintaining student and school data systems

We believe that these two minor adjustments to the bill will guarantee a fruitful discussion that can help inform the decisions of regulatory boards, school health staff, and district administrators alike.

Thank you.