

March 18, 2025  
Senate Committee on Healthcare  
Re: Support SB 27

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee:

Hello, my name is Chuck Pham and I am writing in support of SB 27. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to participate in the Long-Term Care Works CNA training program by RISE Partnership. The program provided free education and financial support, which relieved the stress of balancing work and class. My career coach, Veronica, ensured my success at facility and coached my CNA skills directly.

I think it's important that programs like this continue to expand in Oregon because it gives people like me the opportunity to work with vulnerable communities, such as the mentally ill. Service and quality healthcare is so important, and there is high demand in Oregon for workers with the skills to care for our community.

I urge you to vote yes for SB 27. Apprenticeships like ours provide a pathway to success for workers who might otherwise be excluded from programs due to the high cost of education. Being able to focus on school without worrying about how to make ends meet allowed me to get my certification take the next steps in my career.

Please vote yes on SB 27.

Chuck Pham