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Dear Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Ruiz and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

My name is Dr Angie Docherty, and I am the Campus Associate Dean for OHSU School of Nursing on the Monmouth Campus – which is located at Western Oregon University. I want to thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding the importance of the school of nursing's statewide reach. Our statewide model is significantly supported by the state education appropriation that OHSU receives, as it comprises about 40% of the SON budget.

This support provides the opportunity to educate our students where they live, and where they are likely to work as registered nurses. As an example, Monmouth Campus places students in hospitals in Eugene, Silverton, Lebanon, Corvallis, Albany, McMinnville and Salem. We have students placed in health departments across multiple local counties and rural areas, working with unhoused populations and those with chronic illnesses. From Falls City to Gervais School District, we have students caring for the most vulnerable populations in our local communities. This approach is replicated at each of our campuses across the state.

Monmouth campus has also been a direct recipient of the 30-30-30 appropriation. This funding is directly supporting a significant increase in our student enrollment – 25% over the last two years and a further 25% increase this September. This 30-30-30 funding allows us to utilize two experienced registered nurses from Salem Hospital who support our students when we need them yet retain their clinical function at all other times.

This approach, which keeps experienced nurses in clinical roles, is innovative in the US and has directly contributed to our ability to graduate highly sought after registered nurses. Of those graduates, 95% are employed in Oregon and many of them view their nursing graduation as the start of a journey towards critical nursing shortage areas such as Family Nurse Practitioners, Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners. We look forward to continuing this important work with your continued support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angie Docherty".

Dr Angie Docherty
Campus Associate Dean