



Mission: FACT Oregon empowers families, youth, and communities to navigate disability systems, advocating together for disability justice and policy change so that people with disabilities have what they need to thrive at home, in school, and in their communities.

April 24, 2025

Chair Deb Patterson

Vice-Chair Cedric Hayden

Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care

Support for HB 2948 – “Hannah’s Law” - Clarifying Supervision of School Nurses

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

FACT Oregon is a family-led nonprofit that supports families, youth with disabilities, and partners in holding high expectations, navigating special education and disability systems, and advocating for the supports needed to thrive at home, in school, and in the community. Since 2012, we have served as the state and federally designated Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) for special education.

Access to appropriate healthcare services in school settings is essential for students with disabilities to access their education, as guaranteed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). School nurses play a critical role in ensuring students' health needs are met so they can fully participate in school.

HB 2948 clarifies that while school administrators may supervise school nurses regarding general employment matters such as scheduling and assignments, only a registered nurse may direct or supervise a school nurse in the practice of nursing. This clear delineation protects the professional judgment of school nurses and ensures that decisions impacting student health are made by qualified healthcare professionals.

When non-medical personnel are permitted to direct nursing care, there is a heightened risk that students, especially those with complex disabilities and healthcare, may not receive appropriate services. Clarifying supervision roles safeguards the health and safety of students and ensures that school nurses can act within their professional scope to meet student needs effectively.

FACT Oregon strongly supports HB 2948 because it:

- Protects student health and safety by ensuring qualified supervision of medical care decisions.
- Strengthens access to educational opportunities by maintaining high standards for healthcare services in schools.
- Supports the professional integrity of school nurses in providing necessary medical services to students with disabilities.

FACT Oregon urges this committee to pass HB 2948 and ensure that students in Oregon schools—particularly those with disabilities—receive the safe, professional, and appropriate health supports they need to access their education.

Thank you,

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