

Date: 1/28/25 Name: Amanda Bickford, OEA Member, Mollala River Education Association Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care Bill: HB 2948 Position: Support

As a nurse working in a school district, my supervisor is a doctor, but not the doctor a nurse would normally work with. A PhD in Education does not have the background or frame of reference to direct nursing practice, and in fact, my supervisor relies heavily on my department to let her know what the legal and practical implications of our nursing practice decisions will be.

As nurses we must operate within the law as well as within our scope of practice and these decisions can still be challenging with over 17 years of Registered Nursing experience.

My practice as a nurse should not and cannot be directed by someone with no nursing experience.

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