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Dear House Committee:

Re: House Bill 2305

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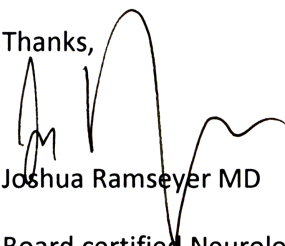
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Recently implemented statutes for polysomnography licensure limit the ability of Sleep Centers throughout the state to hire experienced Polysomnographic Technologists

By prohibiting licensure to Technologists who obtained their education through one of the older programs, such as the Accredited Sleep Technologist Training (A-STEP) program offered by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the most experienced Technologists are barred entry to the state. Their experience predates the existence of the only educational programs currently recognized by Oregon's Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board. This has resulted in a shortage of well qualified and experienced sleep technologists, and disadvantaged sleep centers in the state of Oregon.

I support House Bill 2305 to expand Pathway One to recognize any combination of education and experience that allows a Technologist to sit the exam for the international gold-standard Registered Polysomnographic Technologist Credential.

Thanks,



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