

Providence Health & Services
4400 N.E. Halsey St., Building 2
Suite 599
Portland, OR 97213
www.providence.org/oregon



February 13, 2015

The Honorable Mitch Greenlick
Chair, House Committee on Health Care
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2305, Polysomnographic technologist licensing

Dear Representative Greenlick and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services has almost 30 years of experience diagnosing and treating individuals that struggle with sleep disorders in Oregon. Our five sleep disorder programs are managed by multifunctional teams of sleep specialists, including the valuable expertise of our Polysomnographic Technologists.

We respectfully request your support for House Bill 2305 with amendments. This legislation clarifies that the Board must allow experienced polysomnographic technologists to obtain a license in Oregon if they have obtained and maintained the nationally recognized professional credential through one of the combinations of education and training recognized by the national credentialing organization, the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

The current licensing process faced by sleep technologists, particularly those relocating from other states, creates significant obstacles and requires individuals with considerable work experience to participate in redundant, costly education and training programs. While we have worked in collaboration with our health care colleagues to address these unwarranted requirements with the state for over a year – these efforts have been unproductive.

Providence appreciates your consideration and the opportunity to provide input on House Bill 2305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Adamson".

Jessica Adamson
Director, Government Relations
Providence Health & Services - Oregon