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Submitted Electronically

Representative Mitch Greenlick Chair, House Committee on Health Care 900 Court St. NE, H-493 Salem, OR 97301 By email: <u>Rep.MitchGreenlick@state.or.us</u>

RE: Support for House Bill 2305 Regarding Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing

Dear Representative Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Oregon's 62 acute care hospitals and the patients they serve, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) would like to express its support for House Bill 2305 regarding polysomnographic technologist licensing.

H.B. 2305 would streamline licensure for experienced polysomnographic technologists by recognizing that a defined combination of work experience and approved training are sufficient to demonstrate expertise in this field. This change eliminates unnecessary restrictions regarding state-to-state reciprocity, which today leaves highly qualified technologists unable to work at the level of their experience in Oregon. The bill will allow Oregon providers to better recruit qualified technologists that would otherwise have limited opportunities in the state as well as preserve smaller sleep centers.

We strongly encourage your support of H.B. 2305 with amendments that make it clear 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am happy to provide more information as needed.

Sincerely,

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