

Hello Sandy,

I have been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in Oregon for four years. I am writing you this personal message asking you to oppose HB 2295, the Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA) bill. I am a member of the Oregon Association of Nurse Anesthetists (ORANA), and we oppose HB 2295 for several reasons:

- No Increased access to care
- Limited utilization
- No proven outcome data
- Costly model of care

Supporters of HB 2295 claim there is a work force shortage for anesthesia providers. Currently, there is no evidence of work force shortages in and around the state as we have an abundance of well qualified, independently trained nurse anesthetists like myself that meet those needs on a daily basis. We have a fantastic anesthesia program at OHSU that graduates well qualified CRNAs annually to ensure this is never an issue.

Many of my CRNA friends in other states are waiting for job opportunities to open up here in Oregon. I myself feel very lucky to have found a position open.

CRNAs are able to work independently and in anesthesia care models. Anesthesiologist Assistants would be required to work under the supervision of an Anesthesiologist. With an AA model, two healthcare providers must be utilized to provide anesthesia care to a single patient.

As a resident of the awesome state of Oregon and your constituent, I am asking for your opposition to HB 2295. I thank you for your time and consideration,

Landon Sessions