## Support HB 2295!

## Allow fully qualified and credentialed health care professionals to practice in Oregon

Please join the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), Oregon Society of Anesthesiologists, Oregon Medical Association, and many other health care professionals from across the state in support of HB 2295 to allow Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAs) to practice in our great state.

- AAs are trained specifically to work in a care team with a doctor. Their training is specifically designed to make them the most efficient mid-level provider to work with Anesthesiologists.
- Recognizing this, Medicare reimburses AAs at the same rate as CRNAs.
- With more clinical training hours required, an AA's training is equal to or better than the training of a CRNA.
- When a patient is cared for by an AA, they can take comfort in know that a doctor is supervising, which is not always the case with CRNAs.
- Why should employers be limited to only hiring CRNAs as extenders when AAs, who are equally as qualified to work in a care team setting, are available.
- There are qualified AAs from Oregon who want to come home, but cannot because their license is not accepted in their home state. By passing HB 2295, we can bring them back.
- There is no downside to allowing a fully qualified and credentialed health care professional to legally apply for a job in Oregon.