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Co-Chairs Nathanson and Bates, members of the committee:

I would like to express my support for SB 72.

My name is Jake Creviston I am a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at a small integrative patient-centered primary care home in Portland, a brand new tenure-track faculty of Linfield Good Samaritan School of Nursing and on June 5<sup>th</sup> will graduate from OHSU with a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a focus on leadership and policy all thanks to the Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN).

I left the ICU years ago because I was disenchanted with the hospital. I was contemplating leaving nursing altogether. On a whim I applied for a job at the Oregon Center for Nursing, and surprisingly, I got it. I attribute the OCN with saving my career and opening the world of nursing to me. With a greater understanding of nursing's contributions to the health of patients, communities and systems, I was compelled to seek higher education, pursue teaching, advance my practice and engage in nursing leadership. The Oregon Center for Nursing helped me become the professional nurse I am today.

The OCN's resources have been invaluable to me. The leadership breakfasts, the annual conference and the NurseCast series have all been great tools for pouring my leadership foundation. The OCN's research documents have supported my graduate work on countless occasions, especially in relation to diversity of the profession. And when I needed workforce data for my doctoral study on nurses' abilities to develop and implement policy, I knew where to turn. I continue to use the OCN's research as a platform on which to engage in and advocate for healthcare improvement. There is no other organization in the state as accessible, and with such comprehensive data, as the OCN.

As co-lead of the Oregon Action Coalition (OAC), Jana Bitton and the OCN team, are crucial to the existence and success of our essential constituency of the national Campaign for Action. The OAC and the OCN are charged with implementing key recommendations for healthcare reform as endorsed by the Institute of Medicine's 2010 *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* report. The future of nursing in the state and nationally depends on the future of the Oregon Center for Nursing.

The work of the OCN is often behind the scenes and doesn't get the credit it deserves; however the work is vitally important to the health of nursing in the state and beyond. I would gladly support the OCN with a \$9 surcharge on my license renewal and I hope that this measure passes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.