



HB2862 Allocates \$350,000 to Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program

Testimony for House Higher Ed and Workforce – Anne Nesse – 3.28.2017

I am testifying for Tax Fairness Oregon against HB2862.

I am a former registered nurse myself, from rural Oregon. Further, I have several family members who presently serve as nurse practitioners and have recently received both their masters degrees and doctorates in Nursing at today's prices and loan values. Because currently there are generous federal loan repayment programs nurses can easily repay their loans over a 4-5 year period for any higher degree they desire.

As far as we can tell, the State of Oregon does not reimburse expenditures for education from many other fields of study.

We recommend that this expenditure is not necessary at this time, in a time of budget deficit. We recommend that you do not pass HB2862 out of committee.