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TO: The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Senate Committee on Health Care

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SUBJECT: House Bill 3014A, Respiratory Therapists

Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the committee; I am Sylvie Donaldson, Director of the Health Licensing Office (Office). I am here today to provide information on House Bill 3014A which requires ALL new applicants to hold an active credential through the National Board for Respiratory Therapy (NBRC) as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and have passed, at minimum, an Oregon laws and rules examination related to respiratory care.

The changes to the bill are as follows:

- Eliminates the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential as the minimum requirement for licensure;
- Requires the applicant hold an active credential as a Registered Respiratory Therapist credential as the minimum requirement for licensure;
- Requires each applicant take an Oregon Laws and Rules examination.
- Eliminates issuance of license through reciprocity, endorsement or military training experience because the NBRC evaluates this information prior to obtaining the RRT credential.

The operative date of January 1, 2018, gives the Office time to create and begin administering an exam.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am available if there are any questions.