



Senate Committee on Rules
Testimony in Support of SCR 205
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Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 205, to honor Dr. Robertson's years of service to OHSU.

Under Dr. Robertson's leadership, OHSU has had a marked influence on the health of our community. After almost 40 years of his service, OHSU has become a world-class research and education institution and has expanded their level of providing innovative care to the community.

As an education institution, OHSU is the entry point for hundreds of nurses and nurse practitioners to get the necessary education to provide comprehensive, compassionate care to patients. By partnering with other institutions and opening more campuses across the state, OHSU has allowed more students interested in nursing to pursue careers in care.

Under Dr. Robertson's tenure, OHSU has experienced unparalleled growth, enabling more opportunities for Oregonians to access primary and specialty care. In research, particularly early detection of cancer, OHSU is dedicated to saving lives in our communities. As an ophthalmologist, we applaud Robertson's leadership in promoting whole-person care, including preventative, primary, dental, eye, mental and behavioral health.

Thank you to Dr. Robertson for his years of service to OHSU, an institution that is a pioneer in research and providing care to Oregonians across the state. On behalf of ONA, we encourage the committee to support SCR 205.