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Written Testimony for HB 2486 House Healthcare Committee

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the House Behavioral Health & Health Care Committee,

The Oregon State Pharmacy Association supports HB 2486, which will allow certain pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines.

Pharmacies are one of the most common locations for patients to receive a flu or COVID-19 vaccination. By passing this bill, it allows for health care-team collaboration between pharmacists and technicians which seeks to improve population health by increasing immunization rates.

Only those pharmacy technicians who are certified after completing the required nationally recognized training programs will be allowed to administer vaccinations and will do so under the supervision of an Oregon licensed pharmacist. This will only improve Oregonian's access to timely and appropriate care being delivered in pharmacies across Oregon.

Sincerely, Brian Mayo Executive Director