

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Chair Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 2627, which adds two members who are physician assistants or retired physician assistants to the membership of the Oregon Medical Board. As someone who has several family members and friends who are practicing physician assistants, I understand the important role they play in providing quality healthcare to our communities.

Physician assistants have a unique perspective and expertise that is valuable in guiding decisions related to the practice of medicine. They work in a variety of healthcare settings and have a broad understanding of the challenges and needs facing medical professionals. By adding physician assistants to the Oregon Medical Board, we are ensuring that their voices and experiences are included in discussions about medical policy and regulation.

This bill recognizes the importance of physician assistants and their contributions to the healthcare system. By adding them to the board, we are demonstrating a commitment to inclusivity and a willingness to hear diverse perspectives. This will result in better decision-making and better outcomes for all patients.

In conclusion, I strongly support HB 2627 and encourage you to pass this bill. Physician assistants play a vital role in our healthcare system, and it is important that their voices are heard in discussions about medical policy and regulation. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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