

Hello Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Chair Nelson, members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58, and I am excited to support House Bill 2408.

This bill has Oregon joining the interstate nurse licensure compact with many of our of sister states. Nurses serve an important role within the American healthcare system, where they perform the heavy lifting often overlooked in the actual care of patients. Since the pandemic we have seen the impacts of not having enough nurses to perform their vital role. HB 2408 gives our hospital and clinics a broader pool of nurses to recruit from and eases the burden on nurses coming into our state.

I urge the Committee to support this legislation on behalf of Oregon's nurses.

Best, Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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