



Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Association of Home Care (OAHC) writes today in support of HB 2408. OAHC represents home health and hospice agencies across the State. Our members have a long history of providing quality care to individuals in their homes by providing full spectrums of cost-effective services— ranging from high-tech nursing to non-medical assistance with the activities of daily living. Home care services are provided by trained caregivers and include skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and personal care services. Many patients prefer to receive care at their home, rather than in a hospital or facility setting.

Home health agencies work within a care team model, and a critical component of the team includes nursing staff. Like many other sectors of healthcare, home health agencies report that they are facing a staffing crisis. OAHC members believe that HB 2408 is one tool that could help to address this crisis, by allowing nurses to come into Oregon to practice more easily— while maintaining the authority of the Oregon Board of Nursing.

Some members of the home health care teams are already part of interstate licensing compacts, which has been proven successful and helpful. In 2016, Oregon was the very first state to enact compact legislation for physical therapists. Since then, 34 states have joined the Physical Therapy Compact, and 27 are issuing compact privileges.

The solution to the current healthcare workforce crisis will require multiple approaches. OAHC members feel that joining 39 other jurisdictions and states in passing the Nurse Licensure Compact is one step in the right direction. Respectfully, the Oregon Association of Home Care urges support of HB 2408.

Thank you for your consideration,

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