

TO: Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Suzanne Weber, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Cary Toner

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DATE: March 1, 2023

RE: Support for SB 523

Dear Senators of the State Committee on Education:

To the Senators of the State Committee on Education thank you for making time to read my letter regarding the support for SB 523. As a current Nursing Student at Klamath Community College, I am excited for the opportunity for the RN to BSN program to start here at Klamath Community College.

History at Klamath Community College: Klamath Community College (KCC) is where I received my Associates in Science Degree, and recognition of President's List for GPA. Now as a current Nursing Student at KCC, I am looking ahead after receiving my RN degree. My next plan is to obtain my RN to BSN, and the opportunity to have this program offered here at KCC would be hugely beneficial. Continuing my education is important to me, and the ability to reach my goal here at KCC where it all started would be amazing. I live in Klamath Falls, and my children go to school here. Staying in the community is my plan. This would provide myself and future nursing students the opportunity to reach our goal of higher education.

The OSBN just approved the Bridge Program for LPN to RN here at KCC and that was instrumental from our amazing Dean of Nursing, staff, and students here at KCC. They go above and beyond in helping us exceed in our education goals. Thank you so much and for the consideration of this amazing program to have here at KCC.

All the Best,

Cary Toner