

SB 523 Testimony Template – Current Students

Please keep your testimony to under 2 minutes.

My name is Kathryn Bergevin and I am a nursing student at Clackamas Community Community College in (city) Oregon City. I am here today to urge your support of Senate Bill 523, which would give community colleges the ability to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

I work at one of the local children's hospitals in addition to going to Clackamas Community College Nursing School. I have previously gotten my bachelor's degree. If given the opportunity to get my BSN at Clackamas Community College where I got my associate degree, I will be able to keep the relationships I have created with my professors. As well financially it will make it more feasible for me to do so. Even though I am working while going to school I barely make enough money to support myself with everyday expenses. This would give me the opportunity to be more successful in the program.

Another point about this is the fact that it can be pretty difficult to change institutions after building the connections and understanding of one. Even though we are an OCNE program and are granted entrance into some BSN programs they are expensive programs. Also, I would have no experience at all at this school, which makes it so we must start all over learning their expectations and how they teach. Given the opportunity to get my BSN at the school I currently attend would be extremely beneficial for my education but also for my future in nursing.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Bergevin