

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

RE: Support for SB 523

Dear Senators of the State Committee on Education:

My name is Hannah Schoenborn and I am a nursing student at Clackamas Community College in Clackamas. 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. Having the opportunity to pursue a BSN at my local community college would expand the option for many students who are just like me to earn a higher degree to better serve our communities as nurses and leaders without the financial stress and location limitations. Having the opportunity to earn a BSN at the community college where I earned my associate's degree in nursing will allow me to leverage the existing relationships I have with the great instructors at Clackamas Community College, which would give me more opportunity for success.