## **Surgical Technologists & Nurses**

## Urged You to Pass HB4106 and now ask you to

## Support HB3596 - The SurgTech Technical Fix

## Solve Our Workforce Crisis

In 2022, we urged you to support a surgical tech apprenticeship. Please don't forget the importance of getting this high-quality apprenticeship in place!

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We the undersigned surgical technologists, specialists, and nurses urge you to overhaul the broken Oregon training system and add a second path for training surgical technologists. This program will:

--Require high training standards both in person & on line, and rigorous and clearly defined testing standards

--Use Oregon's proven apprenticeship model, similar to the Certified Nursing and Certified

Medical Apprenticeship programs

--Generate qualified candidates to become certified surgical technologists

--Allow rural Oregonians, communities of color, youth, parents and others to stay in their own communities to learn and train under high quality supervision.

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