



**The Office of
MAYOR**

November 22, 2022

RE: Community Colleges' Request to Confer BSN Degrees

Representative Gomberg and Senator Anderson,

It is my understanding that a group of five Oregon community colleges is seeking the ability to provide Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) education and to confer BSN degrees.

As you are both well aware, Oregon Coast Community College provides a vital link to our community's economic resiliency. If students at OCCC can obtain a degree and find meaningful employment without leaving the area, it is possible to provide a workforce without the need for additional housing. As you know, housing is difficult to find for people new to our area. We are making progress, but still have a long way to go before we have adequate housing for our workers.

It is my understanding that some legislative wording needs to be changed to allow these community colleges to confer BSN degrees. I would appreciate your support of this request from the community colleges.

Sincerely,

Susan Wahlke

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Lincoln City Mayor

