

Submitter: Amy French

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4070

“Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amy French, and I am a nurse with the Greater Albany Public School District.

I’m writing in support of HB 4070, which provides critical resources that youth and families across Oregon need now. Oregon students have limited access to school nurses; 25% of districts have no school nurse and another quarter of districts have less than one full time school nurse. Since 2019, School Health Services Planning Grants, funded by legislation such as this bill, have improved access to school nursing services in grantee districts, and led to the creation of a School Nurse Pilot Program. This program has begun the essential work of defining what school nursing model can offer students.

I support this bill because I believe that every student should have the support of nursing services for both chronic and emergent medical conditions while in the learning environment.