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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

In support of HB 3044

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, my name is Tamie Cline, and I am the president of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). ONA represents a diverse community of more than 21,000 nurses and health care professionals throughout Oregon. Together, we use our collective power to advocate for a more effective, affordable and accessible health care system; better working conditions for all health care professionals; and healthier communities.

HB 3044 updates Oregon's Nurse Practice Act, which is the statute that regulates the practice of nursing, to reflect current professional standards. The bill does so by modernizing definitions, aligning the statutes referenced throughout the Act, and removing unnecessary barriers. ONA is fully supportive of HB 3044.

We are supportive because it is important for the guiding statutes of the nursing profession to be accurate and up to date. There have been no changes to the statute language for decades, so this update is long overdue. Furthermore, the practical changes captured in this bill will make it easier for nurses to navigate administrative processes, including license renewal, thus allowing them to spend more time on patient care. Thank you for considering these comments, and please support HB 3044.