

House Committee on Education

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 4160

Dear Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Allison Simpson, and I am a pediatrician who cares for hospitalized children, member of the Oregon Pediatric Society Advocacy Committee, and mother. I am writing in support of HB 4160, legislation that will ensure Oregon schools are prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies. Sudden cardiac arrest can strike without warning. Without immediate CPR and AED use, survival is unlikely.

As medical professionals, we know that preparation saves lives. HB 4160 provides schools with clear, achievable steps to respond effectively in a cardiac emergency. This modest investment will protect students, staff, and families across Oregon.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4160 and help ensure that every school is ready to act when seconds matter most.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

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