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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4160
Senate Committee on Education
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 4160

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Katie McQuillan, and I am a pediatrician in Corvallis, member of the Oregon Pediatric Society, and a parent of three children. 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, and without immediate CPR and AED use, survival is unlikely.

I have a family of patients whose mother suffered a cardiac arrest due to a genetic heart condition. Luckily, her office building had the protocol and AED available to save her life. Her three children carry the same genetic condition and are at risk of sudden cardiac collapse. Having proper plans and devices in place could one day save children like them.

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,
Kathryn McQuillan, MD