

House Education Committee
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Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Shane Goettle and I am here as a registered lobbyist for the University of Mary. I am here today to support a “DO PASS” recommendation on Senate Bill 2288.

For over 60 years, the University of Mary has been training outstanding nursing professionals proficient in direct care, health education, and administration. The University of Mary’s nursing program – within the Saint Gianna School of Health Sciences – integrates in-class instruction, hands-on experience, and cutting-edge simulation techniques to cultivate professional competence, intellectual depth, and moral courage. This is all fulfilled within our Christian, Catholic, and Benedictine identity and mission.

An education from the Saint Gianna School of Health Sciences school prepares students for a career as highly competent, caring, and ethical health care professionals. Inspired by and under the patronage of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla – a physician, wife, and mother – the University of Mary provides an education of excellence for servant leaders who uphold the dignity of human life and will transform health care for everyone at each stage of life.

University of Mary students gain practical experience in clinical settings throughout the region and beyond — and make a positive impact on people’s lives — through internships and practicums; service trips and pro bono clinics; and collaborative projects across the university. In addition to professional training with experienced faculty and cutting-edge technology, students are immersed in the Benedictine values that will lay the foundation for virtuous leadership in their career.

The University of Mary supports the nursing program matching grants. We appreciate the inclusive nature of this bill in that it applies to all nursing programs in the state. This will reduce financial barriers for those who are inclined to pursue a nursing career – which we need more of in the region.

We urge the committee to give SB 2288 a “DO PASS” recommendation.