

Greetings Chair Prusack, Vice-Chairs Salinas and Hayden, and members of the committee.

My name is Terri Kaiser, and I am a member of the Oregon Nurses Association. Today I submit to you, testimony in support of HB 3011. As one of ONA's 15,000 registered nurses, Nurse Practitioners of Oregon and professional member affiliates throughout the state, I am honored to be one of those Nurses and help represent our organization.

I support HB 3011. Oregon's Nurse Staffing Law serves as a national model, providing high quality patient care resulting from the ongoing collaboration between nursing professionals and the facilities in which they work. In my personal experience as the Nurse Staffing Co-chair at OHSU-HMC, I have seen the importance of having a well run staffing committee and staffing plans that provide nurses with a voice in how to deliver patients safe and quality care.

Unfortunately, insufficient funding to support OHA has prevented oversight inconsistent with current law. This bill, which received broad Senate and House support during the 2020 legislative session would provide the necessary funding to bring the department into compliance to ensure staffing plan deficiencies are addressed in a timely manner.

I support HB 3011 and we asked that you vote in favorably to move this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

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