

Testimony in Support of HB 3011
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House Committee On HealthCare
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Greetings Chair Prusak, Vice-Chairs Salinas and Hayden, and members of the committee.

My name is Susann Logue and I am a member of Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). 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 helping to 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.

Unfortunately, there has been a lack of enforcement by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to hold hospitals accountable to the Oregon Nurse Staffing Law. Due to the lack of accountability hospitals are not making positive changes to be compliant with the Oregon Nurse Staffing Law and continue to compromise nurse and patient safety.

Insufficient funding to support OHA's implementation has prevented effective oversight, inconsistent with current law. This bill, which received broad Senate and House support during our 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 ask that you vote favorably to move the bill out of committee.

Respectfully,

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