

# 62%

of hospital workers reported that they were the target of violence within the last year.

Source: National Nurses United via Arnetz, J. et al Underreporting of Workplace Violence: Comparison of Self-Report and Actual Documentation of Hospital Incidents



## Violence against health care workers has spiked 110% in the last decade.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statics

### HB 4142

## Healthcare Provider Protections Against Violence

There are strong and effective laws currently in place in 34+ states in the US, including Washington and California, to protect hospital workers.

Oregon needs stronger protections for hospital workers who are victims of violence in the workplace.

Source: Amercian Nurses Association

WHAT ARE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS GOING THROUGH?

"I love my job... but there are days I wonder if my career should go in a different direction... because I don't feel safe."



# 70%

of EMERGENCY NURSES

Report having suffered from physical abuse at work.

US Dept. of Labor

HOSPITALS  
**TOP 9**

industries with the highest incidence rate of total nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses.

Oregon Census, 2019

HEALTHCARE WORKERS  
**4X**

more likely to suffer an assault than any other profession in the private sector.

Bureau of Labor Statics

HOW CAN WE HELP?

**HB 4142** would expand the crime of assault and increases penalties for intentional acts of violence against hospital workers.

- Applies to people who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly cause physical harm to a hospital worker.

For more information, to tell your story, or to add your name in support, please contact: [renee.perry@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:renee.perry@oregonlegislature.gov)

Up to 38% of hospital workers and 70% of emergency nurses suffer from physical abuse.

Violence against hospital workers account for nearly as many serious violent injuries as all other industries combined.

Sources: U.S. Dept. of Labor-OSHA, World Health Organization, and American College of Emergency Physicians

**HB 4142** would amend current ORS 163.165 to include hospital workers. The same protections afforded to: Public transit operators, emergency medical services providers, taxi operators, flaggers, highway workers, correction officers, and youth authority staff.

### IN SUPPORT OF HB 4142:



The message is simple: There is zero tolerance for violence against hospital workers. Intentional violence with such actions should be punishable by law; through judicially mandated action, we can cut down on these violent acts.

Now is the time and **HB 4142** is the path to stronger protections for Oregon's healthcare heroes.