

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

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 OSHA, 2019

HOSPITALS TOP 9 industries with the highest incidence rate of total nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses.
Oregon OSHA, 2019

HEALTHCARE WORKERS 4X more likely to suffer an assault than any other profession in the private sector.
Bureau of Labor Statistic

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

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

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.