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Attn: Oregon Behavioral Health and Healthcare Committee members
Support for HB 2700

Dear Reps Nosse, Goodwin, Nelson, Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Javadi, Morgan, Pham, and Tran,

My name is Mary Romanaggi and I am a nurse at Providence Seaside.

During the worst months of the pandemic, exhausted healthcare workers put their own health and safety on the line to keep our communities safe. While many aspects of our lives have returned to normal, the day-to-day demands for nurses and other healthcare workers are still unbearable.

Healthcare workers are burned out and beyond their breaking points, as hospital executives continue to stretch as few staff as far as possible and continue to resist calls from healthcare workers to make their jobs safe and manageable. They've told hospital executives what they need to make their jobs manageable and improve safety for workers and patients, but have been ignored.

That's why I am writing in support of HB 2697.

Passing safe staffing standards will protect any one nurse from taking care of too many patients at a time and will ensure that hospital executives hire enough staff to ensure patient and worker safety.

We need your help.

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Thank you.

Mary Romanaggi