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I am in strong support of this legislation and I urge the legislature to vote in favor of it. For years now I have witnessed coworkers taking unsafe patient assignments; compromising patient safety, and potentially our licenses by being forced to bend to the employer's directives. These assignments take place in spite of a law that requires our hospitals to have nurse staffing committees for every unit. It's clear that these healthcare administrators have the time and resources to render these committees ineffective by stalling actual progress, or worse, attempting to railroad their inadequate proposals; in some examples, proposals that even violate our collective bargaining agreement. The path to better patient outcomes, as well as a more robust healthcare provider work force in the state of Oregon is through progressive legislation such as this. The people who are the actual providers of the healthcare Oregonians receive need this.