

On Behalf Of: Terry Epperson

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2697

Dear Chair Nosse and members of the committee,

I'm writing to ask that you support nurses, workers, unions, and the labor movement by reporting HB 2697 out of committee.

For me, this bill is both personal and political. Almost seven years ago I suffered a massive stroke while travelling through Baker City and had to be medivaced across the state to the OHSU mother ship in Portland. In addition to the work of my neurosurgeon, I'm alive today because of care provided by nurses, OT's, PT's SLP's and even a recreational therapist. None of this would have been possible in the absence of dedicated medical care. OHA-enforced staffing provisions provide minimal, yet essential, protection against the hyper-exploitation of medical personnel.

Support healthcare workers and all Oregonians by passing HB 2697 out of committee.

Thank you.