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The cost of living in Oregon is already through the roof. Travelers already are having to utilize all their stipend to afford housing and now you want to cap our rates...? We work with COVID patients, the sickest of the sick, hospitals could NOT run without nurses. Capping wages / rates is so WRONG! What other profession do you cap wages..? NONE! so why cap the only profession that is 100% required to run a hospital. Cap legislators wages instead or politicians...not nurses whose sole job is to care for the general public and nurse them back to health. This all seems sketchy as to why you would want to cap rates...look elsewhere in the budget...may some the executive personal do not need to get paid hundreds of thousands...maybe you could eliminate some unnecessary roles that are in the hospitals like "diversity manager"...or other un-needed helper or overseer positions. Nurses run the hospital without nurses you would not be able to care for the patients. Travel nurses also always get the shittiest assignments and are thrown around everywhere, hence the need for a higher way, cost to bullshit ratio! Travelers are expected to go with the flow hence why they are paid well, lowering their pay would make for saltier travelers less likely to go above and beyond as well....

Please reconsider this petty rate capping and understand that nurses need to make a living in this already stressful and challenging world. It is SO incredibly unfair to target one specific profession and their rates because there is a financial crisis on your hands, that is NOT the nurse's fault for inadequate spending of funds. Nurses are already barely able to take their breaks, now limiting their wages on top of it...wow, low blow! Words cannot even express how WRONG this whole bill is! Capping rates should be illegal! It is so discriminatory it is sickening. Discriminating nurses to work for lower wages is beyond wrong. If this bill passes, I fear for the future of nursing as a whole, because I know that I myself will not stand for it, before you know it, you'll have no one to help pick up the pieces because we all left to find work elsewhere that doesn't have ridiculous capping of wages. Please reconsider this bill for the sake of the nurses who are working hard to save lives and feed their families.