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Over the past decade I have worked in both the staffing side of healthcare and the providing care side of residential Long Term Care. There are many reasons why I believe this bill spells disaster but the most forefront and the only reason I think that matters is how this impacts the residents and patients that receive the care of our healthcare workers. It is no secret that there has been a shortage in healthcare staff. This bill will make it so agencies cant fight for wages that not only fairly compensate their skills and the service they provide but will make it so they can't keep a competitive wage insuring nurses stay in Oregon. If we want to keep Oregon staffed with adequate care for our Long Term and Hospital settings this is by far not the way to do so and could cause a domino effect for the future of our healthcare system.