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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
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RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

In the past 2.5 years I have had to go to the strike line, because Providence has taken so much away from our staff. We were heroes during the pandemic, we made do with very limited supplies. The upper management thought we could continue with limited resources. To know that we have been pushed to striking and Providence thinks we're complainers and users. I feel it should be transparent to know how much they have paid for replacement staff. Providence couldn't afford staffing per the Oregon law, but they can afford to pay, what I can only assume, twice the salary (at least) of my salary. We deserve to know what Providence has spent on this last month, while we've been walking the picket line. I'll be walking my picket line while this meeting is going on. By the way, I've worked there for almost 40 years.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.
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