

Submitter: Oregon Nurse
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

HB 2792 is critical for holding hospitals accountable for being responsible, conscientious providers of healthcare for the public. The current strike with Providence Hospitals and its nurses demonstrates how a lack of accountability puts the community at risk. It is estimated Providence is spending 25 million PER WEEK!! on replacement workers. These funds would more than cover the terms of a fair contract. Continued, unnecessary drainage of hospital funds decreases the organization's ability to be responsive to community needs and emergent events. The community puts its trust in hospitals. It is critical that hospitals demonstrate their commitment to community through transparency.

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