Submitter: Anonymous Social Worker

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,

I believe there should be financial transparency on hospital strikebreaking costs because it leads to honesty and accountability. It takes out the guessing and "he said - she said" type arguing around costs that is not productive. These strikes often times end up where there is extensive name calling and blaming of the other side which further inflames the strike. The public deserves to know the truth around how much hospitals are spending on these strikes and the effect it has on care. As someone who works for Providence and has been working on the inside during the strike, I have seen first hand the effects of the strike on patient care. It is concerning and alarming that Providence is comfortable and satisfied with the level of care they are paying for while their nurses who provide much better care are being left out in the cold. This is not unique to Providence but I feel that we have a lot to learn from this strike.

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