

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,

Thank you for considering this very important bill. I am a Providence RN who has been on strike for the past 30 days. We are striking for many reasons that all ultimately end on the same note, wanting our patients to get the best and safest care possible. One of our core fighting points is for RNs to be paid as much as their counterparts in Portland such as at Kaiser and OHSU. During the strike, Providence has been using replacement travel RNs. I have seen evidence that these RNs get paid quadruple what I make in 1 week. This should be public knowledge so that the community is aware that hospitals can, in fact, pay their RNs more. They are just choosing not to and instead spending that money to replace them. This is morally corrupt. The public deserves to know what hospitals are paying their replacement staff.

Thank you,
Oregon Nurse