

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,

I am a Providence St. Vincent RN that is currently on strike due to Providence Health System refusing to come to the table and bargaining in good faith.

It is outrageous that Oregon hospitals and health systems spend extravagantly on replacement workforces yet Providence keeps trying to say that our requests are unsustainable.

When a strike occurs, hospital systems tend to blame the workers for straining hospital operations, workforce morale, and transparency. Hospitals often spend significant resources to manage strikes and lockouts, yet these expenditures are not often reported, leaving the financial and ethical implications of hospital spending veiled from staff nurses and other workers. This lack of accountability undermines trust between hospitals, employees, and the public.

HB 2792 shines a light where bad-actor hospital employers prefer to operate in the dark. The bill requires financial reports that include recruitment, advertising, and compensation costs, and must be updated every 30 days during a strike and finalized within 30 days of a strike ending.

This is important information that should be open to the public for more clarity on how big health corporations choose to allocate funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.
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