

Submitter: Molly Lonergan
On Behalf Of: Providence Healthcare Workers on strike
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

I, Molly Lonergan RN BSN, am in favor of HB2792 as a nurse that works for Peacehealth Sacred Heart Medical at Riverbend Hospital.

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2792

To the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards:

As a nurse of 5.5 years all in the state of Oregon and a proud ONA member, I am in favor of this bill because as someone who has worked for 2 separate hospital corporations (Peacehealth in Springfield, OR and CHI in Pendleton, OR) I have seen how hospitals like to say "we can't afford that" but in my experience they have never shown a breakdown of financials so how can we trust what they are saying. This trust is especially hard when hospital systems can easily spend presumed millions of dollars on replacement caregivers during a strike, obviously showing that they can afford their important bedside caregivers. I approve of this bill because we need to hold corporate healthcare accountable for how they are spending their money especially when a union has to strike due to the inability to come to a for contract agreement, which these days normally comes down to financials.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and I look forward to your support,
Molly Lonergan RN BSN