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Testimony in Support of HB 2792

To the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards:

I am currently a nurse on strike at Providence Portland Medical Center. With my personal experience and what I've seen nationally, I know that nothing that hospital systems do during a strike is good for the community. They stall with expensive strike breaking nurses, they negotiate for inferior care and they run media campaigns to try and drive rifts between a community and it's caregivers. All of this is done with money provided by Medicaid, Medicare and OHP.

The hospital administration stalls negotiations and uses expensive strike breaking tactics all while insisting they have no money for fair contracts for the community. Nurses do not want to be on strike but we do not have other recourses when our employer refuses to negotiate in good faith. Transparency would provide more equity to negotiations, end strikes faster and discourage them in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and I look forward to your support,  
Dale Hanson