

RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

When a strike occurs, hospital systems often place blame on workers, accusing them of straining hospital operations, workforce morale, and transparency. Yet, hospitals typically allocate significant resources to manage strikes and lockouts. These expenditures, however, are rarely reported, leaving the financial and ethical implications of hospital spending hidden from staff nurses and other workers. This lack of accountability erodes trust between hospitals, employees, and the public.

HB 2792 brings transparency to the practices of hospital employers who prefer to operate in the dark. The bill mandates financial reports that outline recruitment, advertising, and compensation costs, with updates every 30 days during a strike, and final reports due within 30 days after the strike ends.

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

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