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On Behalf Of: myself
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

Dear Madam, Sirs,

The importance of passing this bill is such that we are being told that Providence is unable to afford to staff us according to the staffing law as it is written because it is too costly. As it stands the Oregon Health Authority has cited Providence for not meeting the staffing standards outlined in the law and adequate staffing is imperative to patient and staff safety and the longevity of our careers as nurses. Providence is also telling us that they are unable to keep with the standards of competitive wages when their CEO made over 12 million dollars last year and they have a profit margin greater than McDonalds and other "for-profit" entities, when they are supposed to be "not-for-profit" employer.

Transparency will show what we as nurses have suspected all along and that is that Providence is more than able to afford to provide our necessary requests. It will show that the millions they are spending in these 5 weeks could be better spent over the course of contract years instead of strike weeks for the betterment of our patients, our community, and our nurses.

I urge you to vote in support of this bill and I thank you for your consideration,

Regards,

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