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**To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards**

RE: HB 2792

My name is Alyssa Waudé and I am a nurse in Portland, Oregon. I have served my community in healthcare for over 15 years and was on the frontlines working in the emergency department during the Covid-19 pandemic. I have, first-hand, witnessed the grave repercussions of unsafe staffing and haphazard policy implementation in the healthcare setting, and thus I am writing in support of HB 2792. The Providence healthcare worker strike has gone on too long, to the detriment of our community, eroding the foundation of our local healthcare system and harming the individual healthcare workers who have had no other choice but to strike. We must demand productive negotiations from Providence and that includes transparency. We must require hospitals to turnover data related to money spent on replacement workers to the state in order to fully inform the community. We are one of the richest countries in the world with a historically poor healthcare system, and Providence's role in this local conflict in undermining the health of our region and your constituents. This conflict has gone on too long. Please represent us by passing this bill!

Sincerely,

Alyssa Waudé, RN, BSN