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I just submitted written testimony for Oregon HP 2792 which requires hospitals to disclose the amount of money they're spending (aka wasting) on strike workers. Hospitals receive significant funding from Medicare & Medicaid (aka taxpayer money) so that is YOUR TAXPAYER MONEY "hard at work"! (over 100 MILLION DOLLARS wasted so I strongly support House Bill 2792, which would require hospitals to disclose their spending on replacement workers during strikes or lockouts. This bill promotes transparency and public accountability in healthcare spending. Hospitals receive significant taxpayer funding through Medicare and Medicaid, and the public deserves to know how these funds are allocated, especially during labor disputes. For example, reports suggest that some hospitals spend tens of millions weekly on replacement workers, yet these costs remain hidden from taxpayers. Transparency will not interfere with labor negotiations but will ensure hospitals prioritize long-term investments in their workforce rather than costly short-term measures. This is essential for maintaining trust and improving Oregon's healthcare system.

I urge you to support HB 2792 and advocate for its passage. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Oregon's communities.