

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

RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

As an RN on the busiest L&D unit in the state, my colleagues and I work extremely hard and despite recent laws for required breaks for healthcare workers, we are still not staffed enough to consistently get these breaks. Night shift especially is frequently understaffed, sometimes resulting in more births during a shift than we have nurses. There have been many shifts that we have 2 or more deliveries, without breaks or adequate support.

To then see that my employer was able to fully staff the unit with strike-replacement nurses who are being paid nearly double what I make was not only upsetting, but downright offensive. The public doesn't know the in's and out's of hospital staffing and neither do the corporate bigwigs that want to tell me what i'm worth per hour. Employers who are so quick to replace striking workers owe the truth to the public and the people they are replacing -- if a corporation can afford strike nurses while saying they can't afford to pay their own staff appropriately, everyone in the area should see that corruption.

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