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Providence has a years long multi-state, multi union history of delay tactics when bargaining with employees over safe staffing and pay issues. It is the norm to see negotiations drag out for months, even years, then have offers of ratification bonus's that in no way address the reality of wages lost during the negotiations period. It is in my opinion, simply put, legalized wage theft. In a public posting of tax form 990 for Washington state, #2and#3, on the list of six largest expenditures totalled in excess of 120 million dollars paid to 2 well known Nurse staffing agencies. I am not against the use use of agency staff. Given the historic refusal of Providence to allow nursing input into staffing guidelines or to consistently follow contracted language use of supplemental staff is necessary. I believe that transparency is also necessary when tax or government monies are involved.

The trail of foot dragging in bargaining tactics, safe staffing solutions and investigations into the lack of information about availability of financial relief for medical debt is well worn. It is not limited to Oregon alone but that should not mean Oregon isn't interested in how funds in provided are used or how their citizens and communities are treated.

When funds are provided to an entity that is required to support and/or provide a community benefit beyond the availability of service for fee to maintain a protected tax status reporting expenditures it is not a punishment. It is a realistic tool to provide an accounting beyond checking a box on a form that says, yes, I provided a benefit to the community.