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As an RN of 15 years, I have witnessed innumerable instances of workplace violence against fellow healthcare workers as well as my own personal experiences of physical, verbal and emotional violence. Nurses have been ranked as the most trusted, ethical profession every year since 1999 with the one exception of 2001 when firefighters were ranked first. Nurses are also five times more likely to experience workplace violence than prison guards or police officers. There need to be more preventative measures in place to protect nurses and other healthcare workers so we can all provide the high quality, safe patient care we all want to provide without the added very real burden of potential violence at work. Please join Oregon's nurses and healthcare workers in supporting HB 537 to increase preventative measures and keep us safe while doing the work we love to do.