

February 9, 2026

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Support for HB 4074 - Ensuring Reliable Hospital Care for Our Community

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glen Pogue, and I am a healthcare leader in Southern Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4074.

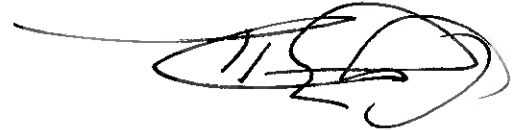
Our communities rely on local hospitals to remain sustainable over the long term, while continuing to deliver high-quality, accessible care. Although the 2023 staffing law was enacted with good intentions, its implementation has created significant and unpredictable operational challenges, along with costly administrative complexity for local hospitals. These pressures ultimately increase the risk of reduced access to care and the loss of essential services for patients.

Reductions in services and access would have serious consequences for Rogue Valley communities and local businesses, contributing to slower economic development and poorer health outcomes for our population.

HB 4074 provides thoughtful, targeted amendments that preserve safe staffing standards while meaningfully reducing unnecessary financial and administrative burdens. These refinements protect patients, support the healthcare workforce, and help ensure that critical services remain available close to home.

I respectfully urge your support for HB 4074.

Sincerely,



Glen Pogue
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