

February 8, 2026

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee  
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Support for HB 4074

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mark Schiveley. I am a retired Jackson County Circuit Court Judge, currently serving a volunteer role as Vice-Chair of the Asante Foundation. I write today to express my strong support of HB 4074. This bill would help restore integrity and workability to Oregon's hospital staffing laws and, importantly, would strengthen the apparent purpose of the original legislation it would amend.

While no doubt well intentioned, the 2023 changes to the laws relating to nurse-to-patient staffing ratios have created unpredictable operational strain, significant administrative burdens and costly complexity to regulatory compliance. HB 4074 is a thoughtful, targeted effort to amend the cluster of laws dealing with the regulatory environment that covers the important area of nurse staffing ratios. While maintaining safe staffing ratios, it would substantially reduce the unnecessary and unintended financial and administrative burdens occurring under interpretations of the laws as currently structured.

I respectfully urge the committee to advance HB 4074, and greatly appreciate this opportunity to express my viewpoint on the matter.

Sincerely,  
Mark Schiveley—Asante Foundation