

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 Angel Kinzig, and I serve as a Clinical Leader at Rogue Regional Medical Center in southern Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4074 and to respectfully request your support of this important legislation.

Our communities depend on hospitals that are sustainable, accessible, and equipped to deliver consistent, high-quality care. While the goals of the 2023 staffing law were well-intentioned and have positively influenced staffing practices for both patients and nurses, the law has also introduced significant operational unpredictability and administrative burden. These unintended consequences have placed strain on local hospitals, putting essential services—and therefore patient access—at risk.

Reduced access to care and the loss of critical services would have serious impacts on the health and economic stability of Rogue Valley communities. Local businesses, families, and the broader regional workforce rely on a strong and responsive health care system. When hospitals face preventable challenges that hinder service availability, the entire community feels the effects.

HB 4074 provides thoughtful, targeted amendments that preserve safe staffing standards while alleviating unnecessary financial and administrative pressures. These refinements support the health care workforce, maintain patient safety, and help ensure that essential services remain available close to home.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for HB 4074.

Sincerely,
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