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I am writing to strongly OPPOSE HB 4074.

I have worked as an ICU nurse at OHSU in Portland since 2022. While this bill only proposes increased med-surg nurse ratios, this would have a detrimental effect to all units of the hospital, including critical care units. Increased med-surg nurse burden means that patient care will suffer, ultimately leading to increased patient safety incidents, increased rapid response events, and increased ICU re-admissions.

I moved to Oregon from the east coast for nursing because Oregon has a culture of strong patient safety and positive working conditions. I do not want to see our working conditions deteriorate, as this will lead to an exodus of bedside nurses and a worsening of care.

Thank you for your time and I encourage you to listen to the bedside staff nurses who provide direct patient care and strongly OPPOSE HB 4074.

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