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Hello,

I am a 22 year RN with 18 of those being in the Emergency Department. I have personally experienced the problems caused by lack of staffing and those caused by inadequate staffing laws. Oregon residents will suffer if the nurses who care for them are not supported by laws that prevent hospitals from understaffing. I invite any one who supports this bill to follow any nurse on any floor for a 12 hour shift. Experience how utterly overwhelmed they are with the tasks presented to them, the lack of time to provide truly adequate care that everyone deserves. This is truly a step backwards and the people who will pay are the patients. There is no middle ground here, hospitals have to be held accountable to provide the best care possible for the patients in their facilities. Allowing them to short-change staffing will not improve patient outcomes. It will only increase deaths and increase the nursing shortage.

Please reconsider supporting this bill. You may not need the hospital right now but some day you might. Think of what you would want your care to be....