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As an RN of 25 years with a critical care background now recovering patients in recovery room after surgery. This bill is dangerously reversing the work of 2697. The administration of most hospitals are looking for cost cutting measures rather than making sure that patients are cared for safely. Covid killed the nursing profession and chased many away from bedside. Many of my colleagues left critical care because of what administration was asking to do. Short cuts, short staffed, increased ratios, no consideration for the health and safety of caregivers including their mental health. We are hit, kicked, cussed at, verbally assaulted, and we continue to come back. The institutions we are working for are barely coming to terms with hb 2697. The institutions work around existing contracts and legal requirement. The leadership of our institution stated to our group of employees that they would accept the fines rather than staff us appropriately. How do you and your loved ones want to be cared for. Please help support the nurses that care for so many.