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Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the committee:

I am a Registered Nurse and I practice in the intensive care unit of a medium sized hospital.

I am writing to encourage you to support the Oregon Nurse's Association's Hospital Nurse Staffing bill (SB 469). This legislation will affect nurses' ability to adequately care for our patients. In this increasingly technical medical industry, with more patients and less money available, nurses are asked to safely and skillfully care for an increasing number of complex patients. It is only natural for hospitals to attempt to increase the patient load for their nurses. However, it is important that nurses have a voice in ensuring adequate staffing for their patients. Please help Oregon nurses to safely and adequately care for our patients.

Thank you for time and your service.

Sincerely,
Charlene Gutt, RN, BSN