



SEIU Supports SB 469

Senate Bill 469 is a compromise bill that will provide safe, appropriate staffing levels in today's hospital environment—resulting in better patient outcomes, higher quality of care, and improved working conditions for direct care staff.

Senate Bill 469 will:

Better incorporate the voices of more direct care providers on staffing committees by including a position for a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Certified Nursing Assistant. These positions provide many direct patient care duties that prevent infection, promote movement, and monitor a patient's overall health.

Improve the accountability of staffing committee decisions by requiring a majority of the committee to make decisions about staffing plans.

Increase patient safety by creating reasonable limits on overtime for nurse staff and those defined in rule by the Oregon Health Authority.

Bolster enforcement and help promote shared decision-making by requiring mediation if the committee cannot reach agreement.

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