



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF **SB 828 and HB 2193**

I support the fair work week bill. I have worked in retail for much of the last ten years. While working at a boutique in Portland that was chronically understaffed, I was often called in on my days off.

I was in school at the time, and had an internship. Getting called in last minute on days I had school commitments was a struggle for me. I knew my bosses prioritized scheduling requests and access to hours for employees who were flexible & "committed" - ie, those that always agreed to last minute shift changes or staying late. I didn't want to risk my access to hours to pay my bills, but I also had trouble succeeding in school if I had to miss class, or work last minute during time I had set aside to study or write a paper due.

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