

Subject: Support SB 261, SB 262 and SJR 3

Chair Rob Wagner, Vice-Chair Fed Girod and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules

I write in support of SB 261, SB 262 and SJR 3.

My current job is a care provider for those with severe and persistent mental illness. Those that care about the client's health and well-being need to trust that I will be on the job to attend to medical issues and often to redirect anxiety that can quickly manifest into traumatic experiences. It is so important that the State of Oregon has enacted laws to make sure that these protected individuals are not abandoned or deserted. This is so important there are criminal penalties.

While my resume or curriculum vitae does not include the words proud, honored, protecting, it is understood within my work that the dignity of my client's care requires that kind of dedication. There is no acceptable lower standard.

Looking at the legislative intros for those on this committee and many other legislators the words honored, proud, and protecting are all prominent in the first paragraph. The legislative work is special work that the people of Oregon trust that will be carried on with the dedication of a caregiver of our most vulnerable. Part of that is reporting for work until relieved or completion. It is unfortunate that SB 261, SB 262 and SJR 3 needs to be considered but it does.

Please support the proposed legislation SB 261, SB 262 and SJR 3 legislators need to come to work. There is no acceptable lower standard.

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Respectively submitted,

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