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We are writing in support of HB 4142.

Our daughter was accepted into OHSU's BSN nursing program after working both as a CNA and CNA2 while attending Chemeketa Community College to complete two years of preparation courses. The competition for slots into OHSU's program was fierce, yet three long and arduous years later, she graduated from Western with her BSN degree from OHSU. She dedicated five years of her life taking full time school courses to earn this degree.

She was offered and accepted employment at a local hospital. She loves this work and believes it to be her calling.

Hospitals seem to experience difficulties prioritizing staff safety during these challenging times. Passage of this bill will help keep priorities on safety and protect those in the medical field that feel called to help others.

My daughter has experienced several assaults during her four years of work in the hospital since she graduated. Most were minor, but one assault left her with a severe concussion and bulging disk in her neck. My daughter was off work for months and continues to suffer from migraines exacerbated from her injury today, which is now two years later.

Seeing my beautiful, brilliant daughter unable to cohesively put together a sentence or find a word was frightening. She stuttered and became frustrated and depressed. She experienced difficulties with balance and walking. Covid shut down the state at this same time and it was impossible to get her the care she desperately needed delaying her recovery.

This bill is overdue in being adopted.

Thank you,  
Andrew and Malia Brock