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I oppose the cap on travel nurse wages. Oregon healthcare providers and hospital systems need to increase their base rates if they want to keep their staff nurses and not lose those nurses to travel agencies who will pay them what they are worth. Nurses are a valuable resource and should be compensated to show that value whether that is in inpatient or outpatient settings. I have left my permanent job to pursue travel nursing in my state because I feel like I am providing a service that is worth more than what I was receiving at my hospital system. Increase pay for permanent staff, or do not put a cap on travel wages...