

Nurse in Astoria

February 20, 2023

Testimony: HB 2699

Dear Chair Rob Nosse, Vice-Chair Christine Goodwin, Vice-Chair Travis Nelson, and Committee Members,

I am currently a nurse in Oregon.

Management at hospitals across Oregon have shared dozens of messages praising nurses as "heroes," while, at the same time, ignoring our repeated please for assistance. To be frank, these last few years have been enraging for nurses.

We don't care about being called heroes, we want help.

**We need more staff.**

Safe staffing ratios are directly correlated with less medical errors. Would you want your loved one to be cared for by a nurse that was being stretched thin? We're human and it's easy to miss the little things when we've got a lot on our plate. Little things add up to big things QUICKLY with our critically ill patients.

I'm horrified as to what our broken healthcare system has become.

Being one of the most profitable critical access hospitals in Oregon, my hospital should be putting our patients before profits. It's the moral and humane thing to do.

Our community deserves better.

Please support HB 2697 and give nurses what they really need: help.

I urge your aye vote.

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