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I have been in healthcare for almost twenty years. Staffing is getting worse where I work. It has been getting worse before Covid started. People don't get called in to help when we need it. The hospital is trying to save money by short staffing us. In my most recent shift, I did the work of three different jobs because we were down two staff members. I had to pick and choose what to prioritize on my job. I also had to say no to some tasks because the operating room was prioritized. Now I worry that I will get in trouble for not getting everything done. I was doing the surgical tech role, the front desk role, and the CNA role. I am burned out and may leave healthcare if the healthcare staff can't get some protection in Oregon. I often miss my lunch breaks. My hours are 7:00 am to 7:30 pm. We really need this Bill to support us.