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I have worked in Oregon Healthcare for nearly ten years. In the last five I have never seen such a disregard for patient safety since COVID. Large corporate healthcare providers have taken advantage of front line workers to try and cut costs, and even when workers have successfully fought for reasonable staffing, executives have slow walked.

Managers and executives have lined their pockets at the cost of patient lives. Mandatory minimums for staffing should be required by the state and enforced stringently.

Companies like providence and keiser have failed to live up to the promises and obligations they have made to their staff and to their patients. The only way to fix this is to force them to comply with reasonable laws.