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I strongly support the enactment of HB 2697, to require and enforce adherence to reasonable staffing ratios in Oregon's hospitals and home health agencies. Nurses, patients and patients' family members have been struggling for decades now with hospital practices that demand too much from nurses and provide too little to patients. Its disingenuous of hospital administrators to speak of a staff shortage when a large number of trained nurses work in other occupations, rather than be party to inadequate care and run off their feet, shift after shift, while management grows and even non-profit hospitals squeeze the nursing staff. Voluntary goals haven't worked. Please hold hospitals accountable.