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RE: Support for HB 2702

Dear behavioral health and health care committee members,

My name is Johanna Hoffman and I am a nurse at St. Charles Medical Center, Bend.

It feels incredibly sad and frustrating to say this, but my experience over the past few years is not unusual, although it should be. My unit, and my hospital, is just chronically understaffed. All the time, every unit, every shift.

Call lights go ignored. Hygiene is not completed. Walks don't get done. Turns may be missed. Falls happen more often.

It is so sad to say but this is nothing new.

Nurses show up, we are chronically short staffed, we work at a staffing deficit 100% of the time, but are still expected to deliver safe and healthy patient outcomes.

Our patients and our community deserve better.

Please support HB 2697.

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