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To all Oregon State Legislature members.

HB 2665 has been brought to my attention by a friend.

I strongly Oppose passing this bill.

I understand why the bill was discussed and I believe all ideas should come to the table for debate. We need to keep healthcare costs reasonable for all citizens of the state. I am 100% supportive of getting creative.

But. All I hear from my local hospitals in Yamhill County is how short handed they are. It's impossible to find qualified help. I assume that they are taking advantage of health care professionals that do not want to commit to long term positions and/or traveling personnel to fill the void of full-time staff. If we limit the wages they can make, it's only going to make things harder on the current staff.

If our hospitals and long-term care facilities were full to the brim with staff members, I could see bringing forth a temporary bill like this until there was a time of need. For now, I don't feel that it makes sense in the current market.

Sincerely,

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