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I'm opposed to this bill. This promises to diminish quality of care for Oregon residents. Opponents may suggest this will increase staffing but current problems with staffing are the result of overwork, and inadequate resourcing for existing staff. Decreasing prevailing wages by decreasing educational requirements will not attract talent to work in the Portland Metro, or adjacent counties. Existing pay scales are already prohibitively low. The primary beneficiaries of this bill will be employers.