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I am a registered nurse and member of the Oregon nurse's association. I support this bill, which would allow individuals and their families financial stability during labor negotiations. As we have seen recently, certain employers choose to punish and coerce striking workers by stringing out bargaining in a timely manner in the hopes of making workers go broke and return to work. No one wants to lose income, but we are on strike to advocate for our families and for the welfare of our patients. We are sacrificing so much for the betterment of public health, and should receive public support for the work that we do as professionals trying to improve conditions in our state. Unemployment insurance coverage would allow us to continue bargaining for better conditions, while ensuring that our families and children do not need to suffer with us. Please support this bill to support workers, their families, public safety, and leverage the enormous power of corporate abilities to punish their employees for good faith bargaining. Thank you.