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Testimony in Support of UI for Striking Workers

To the Senate Committee on Labor and Business:

Workers get burnout for the lack of safe staffing and patient high acuity. Providence as an employer only cares about revenue, and don't care about its employees. Despite of having a nurse patient ratio law in Oregon, Providence failed compliance. Nursing always is working under staffing. Also, Providence just switched employees' health insurance carrier to Aetna. Employees are having many bad experiences due to Aetna not covering current medications they are taking , and many of their providers are not accepting this insurance. Also, Aetna copays and deductibles are higher than previous insurance carrier, putting employees to a financial burden. These and many other reasons are why we are on strike. To improve patient care, safe staffing, better health insurance, and PTO.

To win these goals for ourselves our community, we need Senate Bill 916. Thank you for accepting my testimony.