

Submitter: Oregon Nurse  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

I am a nurse and a single parent who has been on strike for 29 days already. I hate this and would much rather be at work but I'm committed to making this sacrifice for the betterment of my fellow nurses and for the young nurses who come after me. There are so many young people who become nurses going from HS to nursing school. Many of those nurses are 21-23 and this is their very first job. The amount of younger people I've had to help educate about their rights and protections... all this to say, they don't know what they don't know. I'm standing on the picket line and facing serious financial hardship because I want them to have a safer work place in the future and I don't want them to have to go through what we're currently going through. Thank goodness we have a union. I hope that if this ever happens again those nurses and providers would have access to unemployment so that they could feel safer in their ability to strike. I don't think I can go much longer before risking my home or other major debt, and as it is when I go back to work it will still be weeks before I see another paycheck.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.  
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