

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,

Workers who go on strike do so with great sacrifice. They do not take the decision lightly and it is for the sake of improving their working conditions. Us nurses in the Providence system are not just striking for improvements that would only benefit us, we are also striking for improvements in patient care that will affect the community as a whole. Because of that, I believe that workers should be offered unemployment benefits for strikes lasting longer than 7 days. Often times the employer has pockets that are far more deep than the average worker. Being able to access unemployment would level the playing field a bit and help workers negotiate for the best working conditions they can.

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