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Striking workers should have a right to unemployment benefits. In the current Providence nursing strike, many nurses find themselves in a precarious financial position that leads them to food banks for food, taking out loans to pay mortgages and keep the lights on, and borrowing from their retirement. Striking is important to ensure we have safe staffing and competitive compensation to retain quality staff. We lose leverage against big corporations, however, when we have to go several months without pay in the process. Passing this bill would give us a lot more leverage.