

Submitter: Anonymous Portlander  
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,

My partner is a nurse at Providence. It has been hard to see him grapple with the realities of being on strike. On one hand he wants nothing more than to go to work and provide care to his patients and the other he doesn't want to go to work and have more patients than is possible to care for safely. A month without pay is a hardship, but as the strike continues having no income is going to hurt our family significantly. Providing unemployment benefits to the nurses on strike would make a huge difference in both our financial and mental health. I hope Providence can put patients over profits and agree to the staffing changes that the state law outlines so that my partner can go back to work and continue providing a service our community needs. Please consider providing unemployment benefits to the workers on strike!

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