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On Behalf Of: Oregon Nurses Association

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

I ask that this bill be passed. We have been on strike 27 days with no end insight with Providence Health. Our employer had not come to the table in earnest to bargain. It seems as though not bargaining seriously with us does not affect them. We heard they are happy to keep us out 3 months. If that is the case our strike fund can't support all of us. Unemployment funds would afford us bargaining power. We can't compete with their 29 billion without help. It would keep The line strong so workers would be free to stand up for the fair market wages and contract we deserve.