

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,

Hello!

I'm currently on strike at Portland Providence Medical Center, where I have been lucky enough to begin my career serving Portland's East side, and as a nurse on a specialty surgical oncology unit, the broader PNW region.

We have fought for a contract for a month now. Picketing the line without income, for a contract that includes not only up to market benefits and salary packages (Providence is below market across the board), but safe staffing that allows for us to care for our community with the compassion and respect they deserve.

After nearly 30 days in the literal cold, we've received a tentative agreement from Providence that guarantees nearly none of the that.

We have banded together to support each other - assisting our coworkers by providing child care, food, and financial support. This does not surprise me. We care for each other with the same unwavering commitment we utilize while caring for our patients, perhaps a member of your family, at one point.

We need your help. We know what it means to serve our community. Please help us get back to work with a contract that allows us to do so in a way that will keep Portland a healthy place.

Thank you very much for your time,
Your Nurse/Neighbor