

Submitter: Kelly Courtain  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4074

Written Testimony in Opposition to HB 4074

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Diehl, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kelly Courtain; I'm a registered nurse and have worked at Kaiser Westside Medical Center since I became a nurse six years ago. I am also a member of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP AFT-5017). I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4074.

The nurse staffing law passed in 2023 has improved our work processes and improved our ability to provide safe and seamless care for our hospitalized patients. HB 4074 would undo that progress, if passed. make significant changes to the enforcement of that law, if passed. The current law is beginning to show positive results and most barriers are delays and feet-dragging by hospital administration, perhaps because they are expecting HB 4074 to cancel out their obligations. Hospitals have had years to prepare and most have done so. I strongly oppose HB 4074.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Kelly Courtain, RN, BSN