

I am writing in opposition to HB 4074. I currently work at an Oregon hospital that is already significantly cutting staff in all departments. If the staffing bill allows higher patient ratios it will be detrimental to patient care.

Currently so many departments have been cut our job is already getting harder or near impossible to do. If we have to care for more patients on top of this I can't even imagine the lack of care and patient safety risks that will follow.

At the moment we aren't even getting our units stocked properly due to cuts in that department. I get to work and do not have the tools to do my job in the patient rooms. I then have to go to the main supply room which is now out of items every single day I come to work.

We don't have gowns or new blankets for patients. The syringes to draw up medication are frequently out. The fridges that stock snacks for patients that arrive after the kitchen closes is frequently empty.

I spend so much time during the shift just looking for supplies, it leads to less time with patients. Having more patients to care for in this environment is going to lead to burn out and safety issues.

All of our non-union management and executives received bonuses this year, despite our workforce being reduced by 5% over the last 6 months. The claim was that they needed to cut to pay for the new staffing law. If this were truly the case executives would not be getting paid so heftily despite all having assistants to help with their work.

It is time to stand up for what is right and stop letting the hospitals spend money meant to care for patients on lining executive and shareholder pockets.

Thank You,

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