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Oregon's safe staffing law was a large part of my motivation to attend nursing school in Oregon. When looking for my first job as a registered nurse in Labor & Delivery, finding hospitals and units that follow AWHONN standards for staffing was my biggest priority. It is so important to listen to professional organizations that understand the workload demands of the specific patient population they represent and can recommend staffing ratios that keep nurses and patients safe. I am deeply grateful to work on a unit with safe staffing; I can't imagine it any other way. It would be an enormous mistake to roll back Oregon's safe staffing protections not just for patients and nurses, but for hospitals looking to be competitive employers.