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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4074

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Diehl, and Members of the Committee:  
For the record, my name is Mary Coffelt and have worked as a registered nurse for 34 years. I currently work at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center in Portland and I am a member of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP). I have participated on my Hospital's RN Staffing Committee for 2 years. I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4074.

Hospitals have had plenty of time to be compliant with 2697. Stronger staffing ratios have been in our contract since 2021. People should not be reduced to just a ratio. They are hospitalized with unique and often time intense healthcare needs. Please understand the only group that is in favor of this bill, our hospital administrators and hospital associations that are trying to make money off the back of their workers.