

LUCETTA ELMER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 24



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 14, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2697 – (B)

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2697 – (B).

The safety of nurses in our hospitals should always be of the utmost importance. However, I do not believe that HB 2697 – (B) will lead to improved work conditions as proposed. I am concerned that this will lead to further delays in access to health care for patients while causing undue burden on hospitals. To put forth more legislation on hospital staffing ratios will merely exacerbate current labor shortages.

Hospitals should be permitted to find more organic solutions to staffing ratios that fit the unique demands of their organization. More government regulation is not an appropriate solution. For those reasons I was a “no” vote on HB 2697 – (B).

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucetta Elmer".

Lucetta Elmer
Oregon State Representative
District 24