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**STATE SENATOR**  
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**OREGON STATE SENATE**

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Obadiah Rutledge  
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 1168 B

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my vote explanation for Senate Bill 1168 B. I voted **yes** on SB 1168 B, which addresses productivity standards for home health and hospice nurses. This legislation was brought forward by nurses facing legitimate challenges with excessive patient loads. While most Oregon home health agencies maintain reasonable caseloads of approximately 5 patients per day, there are concerning reports of bad actors requiring nurses to see 8-10 patients daily, creating unsafe working conditions and compromising patient care quality.

Despite supporting the underlying intent, I'm concerned about potential unintended consequences that could decrease patient access to care, as stated in testimony. Restricting productivity standards without proper safeguards could significantly reduce daily patient visits, creating dangerous bottlenecks where patients stack up in hospitals with nowhere to go for home care. The Oregon Association for Home Care warns this could strain agencies operating on thin margins and make Oregon the first state to enact such restrictive policies. Moving forward, we must ensure that nurses are protected from unreasonable workloads, while ensuring patients maintain access to essential, quality home health services.

Sincerely,

Senator Janeen Sollman  
Senate District 15