

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
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Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee.

My name is Hayley and I've been a nurse for 20 years. Here are two examples of how poor nurse staffing is negatively impacting patients lives.

Research has shown that inadequate nurse staffing levels are associated with higher patient mortality rates. Insufficient monitoring and care can lead to preventable deaths, particularly in critically ill patients.

Insufficient staffing can lead to delays in administering treatments, such as intravenous therapy, wound care, or diagnostic tests. Delayed treatments can worsen patient conditions and lead to longer recovery times.

When making this vote, think of the care your family deserves.

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