

**HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act**  
**Proponent Testimony by Jill Whittington, RN**

Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee.

I've been a nurse in Ohio since 2009. The safe staffing law needs to be passed. The errors and mistakes I've seen potentially happen or happen is atrocious and scary. The more patients we have on med surg floors, the more likely there is to be a med error or something missed, falls, behaviors getting out of control, which decreases the safety for patients and staff.

I have worked at multiple facilities and the one I felt safest at was one that had a union and safe staffing.

We shouldn't have to work with skeleton crews just because policy states it's appropriate. In contrast when staffing was appropriate, I have seen so many signs and symptoms of complications be caught early.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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