

**HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act  
Proponent Testimony by Jennifer Wisecup, MSN RN**

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

My name is Jennifer Wisecup. I have been in the medical field for 18 years and a registered nurse for 6.

The following examples provide support for Ohio house bill 285.

One nurse held sole responsibility for 4 critically ill patients, each patient required one on one attention and was not able to be provided said care due to constrictions of staffing, causing one patient to experience decline in health status requiring a rapid response call for immediate care intervention.

Second example, one nurse was responsible for 3 critically ill patients, overwhelming the nurse causing distraction during medication administration, causing a patient to receive the wrong medication.

The above examples both took place on a medical-surgical unit that did not have nursing assistants and/or PCA's. RN's/PLN's provided total care for the patients and transportation on and off the unit.

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