

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.

I have been providing direct patient care for over 10 years and know first hand that it is critically important to staff nurse to patient ratios at a minimum of 1 nurse per 4 patients . This ensures quality patient care and promotes nurse productivity . It also allows for ongoing patient assessments for changes in patient condition and the implementation of life saving interventions . The minimum nurse to patient ratio of 4:1 is safest for the patients and for the nurse .

Thank you .

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