

**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.

As a healthcare worker for over 20 years, I can attest to the importance of safe staffing. Patient and staff safety are at risk in more than just one way. It is irresponsible and unacceptable to expect nurses to carry a workload that overextends their ability to appropriately meet the needs of patients. Placing this burden on nurses not only leaves them overworked, increasingly more stressed and exhausted but also places them at a higher risk for errors, a burden that sits heavily on people who go into this profession to make a difference. These unjust actions are forcing nurse's hands and eventually causing burnout ultimately leading nurses to walk away from the bedside altogether. I implore you to think about the care you would want you or your loved ones to receive when considering House Bill 285.

Thank you,

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