

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
Proponent Testimony by Rachel Mandalari, RN

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

My name is Rachel Mandalari and I am CVICU registered nurse. I am writing in support of legislation HB285. I have experience in both medical-surgical as well as critical care nursing. It is imperative that safe and appropriate staffing be made a priority in order to provide safe, competent patient care. When appropriate staffing is not maintained, there is a much higher risk for error, there is an inability to provide adequate care, and the chance of problems not being identified in a timely manner increases. Addressing staffing ratios is critical not only for the safety of patients, but also the well-being and retention of nursing professionals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mandalari