

HB 96 WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Bill 96

Specific Issue: Healthcare Worker Funding

Are you testifying as a: **Interested Party**

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How much time will your testimony require? **1-2 minutes**

Please provide a brief statement on your position: **The following testimony advocates for more funding to hire more healthcare professionals.**

CJR4: Add Funds to Hire More Healthcare Professionals

I would like to address the issue for healthcare. Some background information is that there is a Lack of insurance coverage, high cost and poor outcomes. The impact that this has on our local community is the rising cost of healthcare and not enough healthcare professionals. At least One in 10 people don't receive the right treatment. People are either wasting their money for healthcare and not receiving the treatment they need or either don't have enough money for it at all. Lack of health insurance coverage may negatively affect health, the cost could lead some to put off needed care

People are still catching cancer and other infections or diseases. We also have places like West Virginia where half of kids don't even get basic vaccines (Emily Rice). I feel like as much money that the people put toward their health care there should at least be a cure for everything. For healthcare to be more affordable we can develop a health care system that emphasizes prevention rather than disease management. This problem is affecting other people around the world because it's causing emotional harm, anxiety from testing, or from treatment and from creating inappropriate expectations.

The problem is happening because of the pay for health professionals like nurses is not enough to attract people to the job. I think the only person who could fix this is the government and the only people who complain are the ones that are not rich. We just need more healthcare professionals. There are now mobile clinics in other states. Another problem is that people are still paying too much for health insurance.

We need the representatives to add funds in the budget to hire more healthcare professionals. You have the power to propose new laws to the legislative branch, and you can call for investigations, So people's lives won't be at risk just because they can't afford healthcare. Otherwise, more people will be stuck with lifetime viruses. Life will be less stressful if we resolve this issue. **Can you commit to add funds in the state budget so we can hire more healthcare professionals?**