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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2495

It would be easy to support or Oppose if:

1. I know the proposed base rate Increase.
2. I know who are proposed for the 50% increase.

I agree, a good increase to the base rate of say \$5000 will by far reduce or even eliminate the need for exceptions in most cases and this will enhance more placements, reduce hospital long stays hence reducing unnecessary hospital bills.

The current base rate is far too low to sustain the care needed by the people we serve. Rents are higher than ever and staff are demanding high pay rates. It's unsustainable.

Providers are opting to stay with empty rooms than incur an expense they cannot sustain.

Thanks.