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As a Registered Respiratory Therapist with more than 26 years in healthcare I wholeheartedly support HB 2697. Numerous times over the years I have worked shifts where the staff to patient ratio was unsafe. I have had to tell fellow caregivers that I was not available to assist. I have worked shifts where I was the only Respiratory Therapist on for the entire facility. Each time I have said a silent prayer that my services would not be needed in the Emergency Department, the Labor and Delivery Unit and the ICU concurrently. We need adequate staffing for every healthcare facility for every shift. No exceptions.