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As a Registered Nurse working in a Hospital on a telemetry medical/surgical unit in the state of Oregon, I support this. It is crucial to have safe staffing levels for the safety of our patients as well as nurses/nursing staff. The acuity of our patients has only increased as the years have passed. Additionally, utilizing the "break buddy" system is an unsafe practice. Expecting a nurse to care for double the patient load while another nurse takes a break is unsafe.