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Measure: HB2665

My name is Heather Brotherton and I oppose HB2665. I have been a healthcare worker for four years now and have seen how short staffed facilities are. If you put a cap on how much temporary staffing agencies make then the short staffing issue will only get worse. With the cost of living going up in our area and wages staying stagnant, temporary staffing agencies have given hard working nurses and CNAs a way to make a livable wage and support our families. It has also allowed for more adequate staffing at facilities who are in desperate need of healthcare workers to take care of people's loved ones. This bill will only harm the most vulnerable people in our area, the elderly and those who are sick. More focus should probably be put on the facilities who don't pay their employees a livable wage and have failed to adjust their wages to rising inflation.