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I support SB 1162. As a retired RN with a background in hospice care I appreciate the importance of a dedicated and steady hospice provider. With little oversight or regulation anyone can operate a hospice program in our state without documenting a need. They come, and they go! This stresses all the programs, as there are too many hospice programs competing for patients. From a business perspective, it is a struggle to enroll enough patients to efficiently offer services and meet the financial obligations of the organization. A certificate of need, as is in place in Washington State, would best serve patients with the reliable support that they need at the end of life while encouraging high quality care in a regulated environment. Please vote yes on SB 1162.