

Submitter: Barbara Ann Kelley  
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I am writing in support of ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust through SB 27 and SB 283. As a nurse assist and med aide, I know how stressful it is the help skilled nursing and long-term care resident when the facility is short staffed, and the caregiver is dealing with health care concerns of their own that they can't afford to address. I just had my hip replaced and, if it wasn't for EWHT, I would not be able to afford the out-of-pocket expenses if I had ACA or traditional health insurance. My \$2000 deductible and out of pocket was just affordable so this insurance was the difference between long-term disability and being able to return to work. Since 2021, the EWHT has provided nearly 6,000 people like me with health coverage for ourselves and our families, please fund EWHT. - Barbara Ann Kelley, CMA, Avamere the Pearl at Kruse Way