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Good morning members of the healthcare committee.

I'm here to share testimony in support of HB 2591. My name is Leah Morris and I am the chief CRNA at a small critical access hospital on the southern coast. Like many anesthesia departments nationwide, we have been looking to hire another anesthesia provider. We have been looking since the pandemic without much success because there is a shortage of providers and because it is more challenging to attract qualified providers to our really rural area. My department has changed the pay and benefits package to be more competitive and rearranged scheduling to be more flexible but we still struggle to recruit permanent staff. I hope that by offering a tax credit or tuition repayment assistance thru HB 2591 that we will be able to attract some candidates to fill our anesthesia provider need.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.