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I am a med-surg nurse and I oppose HB 4074. Working on a med-surg floor with a 4-patient assignment is generally a busy assignment because acuity can be high depending on each patient's needs, diagnoses, treatment, and comorbidities. It is also a difficult assignment when we are short-staffed CNA's, which a lot of the times we are. A lot of the times, we are also short other resources like phlebotomy or IV therapy, which delays care if we need labs to be on time or an IV works for medication to be given on time. The idea of having a 5-patient assignment sounds unsafe and will spread nurses thin and patients will not get the care they deserve.