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I am anONA Registered Nurse on a Neuroscience med/surg floor in the Portland Metro Area. I have been in my current position for Over 25 years. The patients coming into the hospitals now are sicker and have less family support than in the past. Nursing responsibilities for these patients have significantly increased while our resources have significantly decreased. There is no way that a 1:5 nurse to patient work load is safe or effective. Those who are pushing this amendment have no regard for quality or safety.

I strongly oppose this amendment, and encourage the committee to do the same.