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My name is Jill,

I am a Portland area RN case Manager in a hospital which receives patients from all over the state as well as Pacific NW. A nursing ratio of 1:5 could have catastrophic effects on the ability to get patients out in a timely manner in order to accept those needing medical attention. Nurses are the fore front of patient care and their ability to progress care is vital to the through put of a patient's admission. When you consider how often the nurse is in the room with patients and families providing medical care, education in preparation for discharge from the hospital, emotional support, and also noticing any changes to the patients' medical condition one would quickly realize the negative impact that would create. This would not only negatively impact the health and safety of the patient, but this would also have negative financial impacts on the health care institution due to increased length of stay, readmissions, and hospital capacity which may cause cancellations in surgeries.

I agree that there are considerable issues that need to be looked at with our current health care system. Increasing the nurse ratio should not be one.

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