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This bill is well-intentioned, and I laud the senate for their efforts to care for our homeless.

That said, hospitals are not shelters. Ask any doctor, nurse, tech, social worker, mental health evaluator, or anyone else who works in our states ERs. They will tell you that ERs cannot continue to fulfill unfunded mandates. ER crowding is a national problem, this bill will make it much worse.

I suggest you strive to fix the homeless problem at it's source rather than passing unfunded mandates for hospitals to provide housing for people.

Thank you for your consideration.