

Submitter: Sharon Smith

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB1591

I'm in support of the increase in residents from 5 to 8 residents. As an RN I have seen the need for more beds available in the community as patients were ready for discharge from the hospital but were no longer able to return home. Many times the patient's discharge would be delayed because there were no beds available in assisted living facilities.

I have worked in "nursing homes" and in Adult Home Care. The care received in the Adult Home Care situations was superior and I would like to see more people have the opportunity to be cared for in such a loving and caring atmosphere.

Staffing in "nursing homes" has been in crises for some time now with no solution available. I have not seen the same crises in the Adult Home Care situations.

Thank you,

Sharon Smith, retired RN