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I currently reside in the Crestbrook Oxford House
I am opposed to bill HB 2239. OHI and NARR should hold equal footing.
I moved into Crestbrook Oxford House in August of 2023. I have learned how to build relationships and maintain them. I learned conflict resolution and communication as well, with people who were once strangers. I have had a chance to learn how to maintain different components of running a household that I never knew how to do prior to me moving in. For example; chores, how to write a check, how to pay bills, how to make a shopping list, how to budget, and how to do simple house maintenance. I learned how to be accountable and how to hold others accountable in a constructive manner. I learned how to respect and coexist with people of different backgrounds and different opinions and beliefs. All these skills have raised my self esteem, knowledge and confidence that has been preparing me for when I move out on my own. I have a support system and consequences if I relapse or exhibit disruptive behavior or behavior not conducive to the house. I had to get a job to pay rent and have even started furthering my education. I have a million little successes and some huge successes thanks to the love, support, acceptance, and accountability provided by OHI. It provided me safety and stability as long as I coincided with the house expectations and chapter guidelines. I've been able to focus on recovery, hope, healing, and learning the tools I need to move forward. I definitely would like to have the ability to pass my experience on to the next addict craving recovery and wanting to come home. Oxford House is a home they can come to.