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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr, and Members of the Senate Interim Committee On Rules and Executive Appointments

I am writing in opposition to SB 1505 and the proposed -1 amendment, which would establish a workforce standards board, and I respectfully urge you not to advance the bill.

Even with Adult Foster Homes excluded, we strongly oppose this bill. SB 1505 sets a concerning precedent. Once the Legislature approves the creation of a workforce standards board for one sector, it becomes easier to expand the authority of that board or create additional boards in the future.

Adult Foster Homes play a critical role in caring for older adults and people with disabilities in small, home-based settings. Providers are already struggling to meet growing demand while navigating complex regulations and constrained funding. Workforce standards boards drive higher operating costs, which will further strain providers and ultimately limit access to care for seniors and people with disabilities.

This policy approach is also unproven. Proponents suggest workforce standards boards bring stakeholders together, yet there is no clear example of a healthcare workforce standards board that has successfully achieved that goal. In practice, these boards often create additional cost and confusion rather than collaboration.

At a time when the Legislature is facing difficult budget decisions and considering reductions across state programs, dedicating resources to establish a new board is difficult to justify. The Legislature already has the authority to address workforce policy directly and could instead focus on solutions that support providers and the people they serve.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee not to advance SB 1505 and the proposed -1 amendment.

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