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The nurse to patient ratio is vital to safe patient care. It is currently a 1:4 ratio and that in itself can be a lot considering nurses see high acuity patients outside of critical care units on a daily basis. Changing the ratio to 1:5 will be detrimental to patients and nurses. If a nurse has 5 patients, they may not be able to assess critical changes in a reasonable amount of time, leading to an increase in patient decline, longer hospital stays and a burden on our healthcare system. Nurses are an extension of the entire health care team and our assessments/escalations are vital for the rest of the team to care for these patients. I oppose changing the nurse to patient ratio and encourage legislation to keep the current ratio at 1:4.