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Increasing the nurse staffing ratio is dangerous. When nurse's have even more to do, assessments and tasks can fall through the cracks and key changes in patient conditions can then be missed until it's too late. It's not a failing of the nurse when something gets missed when working with higher patient to nurse ratios, it's an indication of a system problem. The evidence is clear that higher patient and nursing ratios are more dangerous than lower ones. I want a system that is cheaper and able to treat more patients, but it's not treating them if those that get into the hospital are at an increased risk of harm. Please don't intentionally create a system that puts patients in danger. Healthcare should be a place for healing which requires real investment. It is not a place for cutting corners and stretching already thin resources even further.