

Public Health Committee

Raised Bill 1068

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Good day to all of the members of the Public Health Committee. I am a person living with a psychiatric disability under the care of DMHAS. As an inpatient resident of CVH I have many concerns over this piece of proposed legislation.

The following are my concerns regarding said legislation. First off, The Patient's Bill of Rights is something that I do not take lightly nor should you. Many disabled people have suffered quite a bit in order for there to even be such rights. Please I implore you.

Do not take away our rights to hold our own property. Having our own belongings is key to feeling like an individual and not a ward of the state. In a hospital setting where the goal is treatment and ultimately discharge.

Why then would you want to hurt some of the most vulnerable residents of this fine state?

This is after all America the land of the free and the home of the brave. We cherish our freedoms and yes some even go too far and take their freedom for granted. Well good sirs and madams I do not take my freedom for granted.

I have worked diligently on my recovery and value my meager yet precious possessions.

Thank you for hearing my concerns I hope you consider this request for I feel it is quite meritous.

Especially since some of my peers are too ill to even attempt such efforts and will benefit greatly if this bill does not become law.

Sincerely,

Kurt Nielson