



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Submitted to the Public Health Committee

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Good afternoon Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women all across this great state support :

Raised HB. No. 5384 - An Act Concerning Reports Of Nurse Staffing Levels

The lack of public reporting stating the accurate ratio level of services provided by nurses and other hospital staff is exactly why this legislation is necessary. In today's healthcare environment we are seeing more and more infections and re-admittance and it can't be discounted how the lack of nursing staff plays into these issues.

Hospitals should be able to provide this information with the click of a key. This type of reporting is critical to ensure proper care for patients instead of creating additional injuries. We thank the committee for raising this important public health initiative and we gladly work to ensure its passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

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