

**Testimony in Support of SB 1057 An Act Concerning Nursing Homes**  
**Human Services Committee**  
**March 25, 2021**

Greetings, Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, Ranking Members, and Members of the Human Services Committee:

As an AARP volunteer, I am testifying in support of SB 1057.

As the recent COVID pandemic has revealed, many nursing homes were inadequately staffed, especially by professional workers. This bill would establish minimum professional care requirements per resident. Now that most staff and residents have had the option of being vaccinated, this should not be a hardship on personnel and is sorely needed. It would also assure that a certain percentage of Medicaid payments go to direct patient care, not to other expenses or salaries.

Since this bill asks the facilities to adopt payment incentives for works to work in a single home it would be easier on both the worker and the resident. The times I have been in a rehab facility, I was taken care of by many workers who also worked at other nursing homes to support themselves-- not a good framework for care continuity.

This bill would also prohibit a home from hiring a worker who had left another home for health and safety violations.

These regulations would give families the needed confidence that they are putting their loved ones in good hands when they have to make the hard decision to put them in a nursing home. It would also help the staff of these homes to better care for their residents.

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