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Senate Health & Human Services Cmte.  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

RE: SB 95 - HOSPITAL DIVERT

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 95 as a representative of Station Casinos who provides health insurance to more than 17,000 employees and family members and has become increasingly concerned with the rising costs of health care.

The existing hospital divert situation is a systemic problem caused by a lack of hospital beds, a severe nursing shortage and inappropriate demands on emergency rooms. This contributes to escalating hospital costs.

SB 95 is a safety net for payors who do not contract with every hospital. It is a cost containment measure that will provide payors the ability to accurately predict inpatient hospital costs.

As an employer, Station Casinos is constantly faced with difficult choices and are looking for ways to maintain benefits and minimize cost sharing. As a policymaker, your support for SB 95 will assist in making healthcare more affordable.

Thank you for your consideration and support of SB 95.

Sincerely,

  
Lesley Pittman