

**Testimony**  
**Engrossed House Bill 1065 – Department of Human Services**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**  
**March 8, 2021**

Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am LeeAnn Thiel, Assistant Director of the Medical Services Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today in support of Engrossed House Bill 1065, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

Engrossed House Bill 1065 provides nursing facilities additional flexibilities to manage their supply of licensed beds. The additional flexibilities provide nursing facilities the ability to:

- change their licensed bed capacity up to two times in a twelve-month period; and
- Put up to 30% of their licensed bed capacity into the bed layaway.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.