

HB1379

FAVORABLE

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I SUPPORT HB1379. While in the hospital to give birth to my son I was prevented from having anyone present. Without an advocate, the doctor was able to bully me, force me into an unwanted surgery, and falsify my records. A nurse filed a grievance on my behalf. Had I been permitted to have my husband or a doula present to help advocate for me while in labor, the abuse I was forced to endure would not have occurred. We have fought the hospital for over a year and they still have not released my complete records to me or to my doctor, but they are still demanding payment for the "services rendered" and insist that "standard of care was met." The records we were given have incorrect dates and measurements, but are somehow missing the documents and test results that prove that the surgery was indeed needed and that I consented to it (I did not and the nurses have attested to this). Having family while receiving care or living in a nursing facility is vital to ensure patients and residents are treated properly.