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SB 613 State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators – Requirements for Assisted Living Manager

Good afternoon, Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 613, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators – Requirements for Assisted Living Manager.

In 2022, we passed legislation to:

- rename the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to be the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators,
- require the Board to license assisted living managers by October 1, 2024,
- require managers in small homes to take the 80-hour training, which they were previously exempted from taking.

This is a large undertaking, with approximately 1700 assisted living programs in the State and it is estimated that the Board will be licensing upwards of 4,000 individuals given the number of managers, alternate managers, and others.

SB 613 gives the Board the additional time they need to implement the program. This additional time to implement the program will ensure success; like the extensions needed for other implementation programs such as the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.

SB 613 passed the Senate 46 to 0 and is in the same posture as HB 874 it's cross-file that passed this Committee and the House 141 to 0.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 613.