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Delegate Dana Stein Support for House Bill 938
Continuing Care Providers – Governing Bodies - Membership

Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

This bill deals with the governing bodies of continuing care providers, or CCRCs. A CCRC is a type of retirement community for older adults where residents can receive a continuum of care—from independent living, to assisted living, to skilled nursing care.

Current law requires that if a provider has a governing body, at least one of the provider's subscribers (residents) shall be a full and regular member of the governing body.

The reason for this is that CCRC residents are the primary stakeholders of the CCRCs and bear the greatest financial risk of these enterprises. They need to have the opportunity to participate in the governance of the facility to assure the best interests of the residents are being heard.

This bill says that if the governing body has only one subscriber on it, an alternate subscriber also shall be appointed to the governing board. The alternate subscriber may attend all meetings of the governing body but can vote only if the regular subscriber is unable to fulfill their duties as a regular member of the body.

This is important because residents of a CCRC tend to be older and not always in great health, so may not be able to attend all the meetings of the governing body. Having an alternate will ensure that subscribers always have a voting presence at all meetings. It will also provide another resident voice on the governing body.

I urge a favorable vote on HB 938. Thank you.