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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1447  
RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.**

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: Friday, February 21, 2025

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1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports SB1447, which is  
2 part of Governor Green's Administrative Package, to ensure that orders to cease and desist  
3 issued by the Director of Health that are administratively appealed remain in effect during the  
4 appeals process.

5 The Director of Health is authorized to issue orders to cease and desist to certain state-  
6 licensed facilities due to concerns over threats to the health and safety of patients. Clarification  
7 is necessary to prevent a facility that has received an order to cease and desist from continuing  
8 operations during the administrative appeal process, which may take weeks or months. This  
9 process is similarly in place for community care foster family homes and should be applied to all  
10 orders to cease and desist issued by the Director including those issued to facilities licensed by  
11 the Office of Health Care Assurance.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.