

Senate Health & Human Services

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HB22-1303 Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds

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Claudia Burgstahler For Self	<p>Dear Representatives,</p> <p>I am a member of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness. I am also a proud advocate for mental health services for all.</p> <p>This legislative session, as you know, has many bills that are transformational for mental health including access, beds, care coordination, competency, workforce, and the overall establishment of the new behavioral health administration (BHA). We urge you to vote in favor of the following bills should they come before you this week or in the remaining session:</p> <p>HB 1256 - Modifications To Civil Involuntary Commitment HB 1278 - BHA bill HB 1281 - Community BH continuum gap grant HB 1283 - Youth And Family Behavioral Health Care HB 1303 - Increase Residential SB 147 - BH Services for Children SB22-177 Investments in Care Coordination SB22-181 BH Workforce SB22- 188 - Behavioral Health Support For Criminal</p> <p>On behalf of the now 3 in 5 Coloradans that are struggling with some type of mental health challenge, thank you for your consideration of these vital pieces of legislation! More residential homes are so needed for those recovering and stabilizing their serious mental health disorder. This will save our state funds in the long run!!</p> <p>Thank you for caring about these underserved and vulnerable citizens. Claudia Burgstahler</p>