

Dear Chair and Members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on HB 1283. My name is Morgan Billman, and I work in the healthcare industry in a role that focuses on ensuring that our community members have a positive patient experience, which is too often hindered by lack of access due to high costs.

One regular cost for most women is breast cancer screening. Mammograms are the first step in detecting breast cancer, but if anything suspicious is found, additional testing is necessary to confirm a diagnosis.

I have multiple family members who have required additional imaging, including ultrasounds and biopsies. While my family is fortunate to be able to afford such testing, many patients are not, which can lead to late-stage diagnosis as well as more aggressive and expensive treatments.

As a healthcare professional, a patient, and a member of this community, I am committed to ensuring that everyone has access to the screenings they need.

I fully support HB 1283 and urge you to pass this life-saving legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Morgan Billman