



February 12, 2020

Committee of Health & Human Service
State of Arizona
House of Representatives

Dear Committee,

PASRS "Professional Association of Senior Referral Specialists" agrees with the premise of HB 2260, however strongly opposes the Bill due to inconsistencies within the language and responsibilities set upon the assisted living sector.

While we believe that performing CPR on a senior without a DNR is the right thing to do, assessing the severity of a fall without proper medical training could result further injuries for the resident.

In essence, we believe that forcing this bill on any assisted living would change the legal landscape of the industry. We believe HB 2260 in its current format would have significant impact on care homes, most likely shutting down many of the five to ten bed care homes because of the additional costs to meet the requirements of the bill. If this occurs, the cost of assisted living for our senior population will increase significantly, thereby negatively impacting ALTCS and private pay providers. This bill, if passed would place many affordable assisted living housing out of reach for a significant portion of our seniors.

We believe continued communication between all stakeholders will eventually solve this issue either without a bill or with a better strategically planned written bill in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Medinger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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