



**Office of
Ombudsman for
Long-Term Care**

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Chair Wiklund and members of the Health & Human Services Committee,

I am writing to you with concern about the provision in SF 2669 that allows some nursing home residents to reside in hospital swing beds indefinitely.

While this bill, originally SF 1861, aims to support the financial health of one facility in Grand Marais, a goal OOLTC understands, we do have concerns about the impact to resident rights that would accompany this change.

Would a resident's monthly spend-down payments change if their MA is billed instead of MA for Long-Term Care? Is there language that can be included to ensure residents in these swing beds retain the same rights they have as nursing home residents, such as the right to involuntary discharge protections?

OOLTC is interested in working with stakeholders and Senator Hauschild to ensure this language accomplishes its goal while ensuring resident rights.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,

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