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Support HF 41/SF 331 - Essential Workers Emergency Leave



Nurses and other essential workers are losing their pay and benefits

In a survey, 71.24% of MNA nurses reported they missed work during the pandemic. 56.71% said they missed pay while quarantining and/or waiting for test results. 44.24% said they lost pay to care for coronavirus positive family members or childcare due to distance learning or a closed childcare facility.



Nurses and workers are facing economic hardship

Nurses lost an average of 25.83 hours, which forced them to go without pay, dip into their savings and retirement accounts, or face late-payments on bills.



Nurses and workers are forced to choose between paychecks and public safety

Workers who may have been exposed have had to choose whether to go to work and possibly pass on the COVID virus or stay home and risk discipline.



HF41 would ensure nurses in Minnesota have access to emergency leave to care for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Full-time workers would be eligible for up to 80 hours of wages. Part-time workers would be eligible for an amount equal to average hours worked in a two-week period. Covers hours missed since beginning of the pandemic's peacetime emergency.