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Vermont Senate Committee on Health & Welfare
Senator Ginny Lyons, Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.583. The Green Mountain Care Board supports H.583 but has concerns related to the reporting requirements in Section 1.

The current bill has reporting to the GMCB, commencing on July 1, 2026. Currently the GMCB does not have an established process or mechanism for reporting by health care facilities and management service organizations. The Board does not regulate or license these entities and therefore has concerns around the Board's ability to collect this information and how many entities will be submitting information. Due to resource concerns the Board would request additional time to establish a process and mechanism for the reporting requirement.

The Bill also recognizes and asks the Board to share information with other state entities to avoid duplication of reporting and to facilitate oversight and enforcement. H.583 envisions the Board collecting information that is more familiar to a business filing, including ownership interest, organizational structure, and profit and loss statements. The Board does not license or have a direct regulatory oversight of these entities. The Board would appreciate an opportunity to work with a stakeholder group to understand what information is currently reported to the state or federal government and in what format. The Board recommends that this group collaborate over the next several months and deliver a progress update at the Health Reform and Oversight Committee in November 2026, followed by the submission of a final report in March 2026. The report would contain the following:

1. What entity we recommend to manage the provider ownership data collection and/or reporting, and the cost and time estimates for operationalizing this new data collection process.
2. How the information should be publicized, and what cadence, including a target date for the first publication of provider ownership data.

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