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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? SB 448

DO YOU: **SUPPORT** X **OPPOSE** ____ **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

There are many areas of Montana that are in need of ALS care. In these areas the call volume is low and allowing ALS personnel to work in Emergency rooms and hospitals will allow for ALS personnel to be paged out when necessary to provide a higher level of care for communities. Working in hospitals will help these communities keep ahold of ALS personnel. Many calls paramedic's + EMT's respond to are not emergency's. Paramedic's + EMT's are professionals. We are not asking or wanting to take over nurses job. Having Paramedic's + EMT's in emergency rooms will assist nurses within their scope of practice.

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