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HB 2816, RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent of this measure; however, the
2 department would like to confirm that there is already a process in place to license, accredit, and monitor
3 residential substance abuse programs and homes (facilities).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** There are no fiscal implications as the process already exists.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The department strongly concurs that residential substance abuse programs
6 and homes (facilities) must be licensed, accredited, and monitored. To that end, the residential facilities
7 and programs that currently exist and serve individuals suffering from substance abuse continue to be
8 licensed, accredited, and monitored by the department.

9 The department also notes that HB 2816 does not provide a definition for "substance abuse
10 rehabilitation home." Neither is this terminology familiar to the department.

11 Finally, if the intent of HB 2816 is to include half-way houses, it should be noted that half-way
12 houses do not provide residential substance abuse services or programs and, therefore, are not within the
13 jurisdiction of the department for licensure or monitoring.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.