

HB 1170 -- CERTIFICATE OF NEED

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This bill changes the expenditure minimum for requiring a certificate of need as follows:

- (1) For beds in nursing homes and long-term care beds in a hospital increases from \$600,000 to \$750,000 in the case of capital expenditures;
- (2) For beds in nursing homes and long-term care beds in a hospital increases from \$400,000 to \$500,000 in the case of major medical equipment; and
- (3) For health care facilities, new institutional health services, or other beds increases from \$1 million to \$1.4 million in the case of medical equipment.

This bill removes a reference to nonapplicability review in the definition of new institutional health service.

Currently, a nursing home may transfer or sell individual long-term care licensed beds. This bill requires these beds to be licensed and available and requires that the facility does not increase its licensed and available bed count after the sale of the beds until the average occupancy within a 15 mile radius is 85%. Additionally, any facility which transfers or sells licensed and available beds must have an average occupancy rate of less than 70% in the last six quarters.