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I write in in strong favor of LD 1076. Having been a neighbor to the Preble Street Teen Shelter for many years now I have seen firsthand how important having time to settle in and adjust to new surroundings can be, especially for a youth that has recently suffered various forms of trauma. Extending from that it has been stated that it takes 21 days to form a habit - for these young people to begin to develop safe and healthy habits they will certainly need more than the small 30 day window - what happens if setbacks (naturally) occur?

No attempts at health and safety should ever feel like they're attached to a ticking time bomb, and extending shelter stays to 90 days will absolutely lessen the trauma & stressors of needing to get it the first time, or to be a model resident. Youths need stability & support and 30 days simply isn't enough to establish either.