

Washington State Board of Nursing LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Fund Financial Aid Supporting Nurse Substance Use Treatment

Decision package to reduce barriers to substance use treatment as part of 18.79.440 (HB 1255)

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Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Title Protection

WABON Request Legislation
Adopt national standard using (APRN) over Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) for alignment across states and clarity in understanding of advanced practice nursing.

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Invest in Simulation Professional Development

Provide grant options for faculty development, program endorsements, open-sourced materials for training to increase accessibility.

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Fund Nursing Faculty Salaries

Subsidize salaries to reduce disparities across the industry, stabilize, retain, and recruit diverse nursing education faculty.

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Quantify Long-Term Care (LTC) Staffing Needs

- a. **Advance research on Licensed Practicing Nurse (LPN) workforce** to define value, quality of care, and models of care delivery in Washington.
- b. **Amend RCW 18.79.260 to address nurse delegation** broadly to reduce barriers across LTC settings including medication administration, lab testing, and emergency medication access.

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Enhance the Nursing Workforce

- a. **Retain**
 - i. Support well-being and burnout prevention programs
 - ii. Prevent healthcare workplace violence
- b. **Develop**
 - i. Support new graduate nurse transition to practice
 - ii. Build new pipelines of entry to nursing
- c. **Innovate**
 - i. Identify & test new models of care delivery (e.g., virtual nursing, leverage technology, role alignment)
 - ii. Align academia and practice to support new nurse transition
 - iii. Share staff and resources across settings
 - iv. Enhance diversity of nursing, nursing faculty