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2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Address Nurse Delegation (WABON Request Legislation) – Amend RCW 18.79.260 and relevant statutes to improve clarity and flexibility, reduce barriers to access, and eliminate regulatory inconsistency.

Promote Equity for Prospective Nursing Students – Establish a pre-screening process that provides access to existing licensure standards for criminal background review to obtain an early assessment of potential licensure eligibility before enrolling in a nursing program.

Improve Access to Clinical Placements – Standardize clinical placement on-boarding processes to increase placement capacity, reduce barriers and duplication, and optimize clinical rotations to increase student competency.

Workforce Retention

- Support nurse wellness programs
- Subsidize and support access to substance use treatment programs
- Prevent healthcare workplace violence
- Subsidize nursing faculty salaries to reduce disparities across the industry, stabilize, retain, and recruit diverse nursing faculty

Continue to Build the Nursing Workforce

- Build new pipelines of entry to nursing
- Reduce barriers to nursing education and careers
- Identify and test new models of care delivery
- Align academia and practice to support new nurse transition
- Support diversity of the nursing workforce and nursing faculty

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