



Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill Number: HB 1208 - Health Occupations - Health Care Workforce Expansion

Hearing Date: March 30, 2022

Position: Support

The American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1208 – Health Occupations – Health Care Workforce Expansion*. ACNM supports this bill because of the severity of the nursing shortage. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated staffing shortages for all types of health care professionals, but the nursing shortage has had the greatest impact. The bill provides for concrete steps to alleviate the nursing workforce shortage including establishment of a workgroup to study the establishment of a permanent externship program for nursing students and a tax credit program to encourage more nurses to become nursing preceptors. ACNM also supports the bill’s proposed workgroup on creating a loan repayment program for nurses and nurse support staff as the best path forward in creating an effective, sustainable program.

If we can provide any additional information to support this bill, please contact us through Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net. We ask for a favorable report on this bill.