



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

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

**Hearing Date:** March 3, 2022

**Position:** Support with Amendments

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The American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1208 – Health Occupations – Health Care Workforce Expansion* with one technical amendment. 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 the regulatory framework for an externship program for nursing students and a tax credit program to encourage more nurses to become nursing preceptors.

ACNM would offer one technical amendment to recognize that all advanced practice registered nurses could be nursing preceptors:

On page 7 from line 41 through page 8 in line 33, strike “NURSE PRACTITIONER” and replace with “ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE”.

*Explanation: The clarification would recognize that any type of APRN may be a nurse preceptor.*

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