

Dear committee members,

I am writing this evening in opposition to the one-year licensure bill 2184. As a Nurse Educator, I already see the financial burden nursing students are under. They are preparing for entry into the profession of nursing, and they leave the academic arena carrying with them the burden of NCLEX testing fees, moving fees if taking jobs in different states, and of course the immense burden of student loans. It is unfair to demand that they now must pay their licensing fee every year, just so they can care for you and your loved ones. If you do, I fear many will move out of state because of it. We need every North Dakota nurse to stay here!

I ask that you vote "Do Not Pass" and help this demographic of young, new nurses.

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