

Regarding SB 2287 Nursing Loan forgiveness

Dear Chairman Wobbema and members of the workforce development,

I am a nursing student working towards my Registered Nurse (RN) license, here in North Dakota. The Nursing Loan Forgiveness bill would affect me tremendously. Gratefully, I will be graduating nearly debt free due to my dad putting part of his GI bill in my name, but I have limited months of assistance. I do not want to stop at my RN. This bill would help me achieve my Bachelor of Nursing (BSN), which would allow me to work as a nursing leader in the hospital setting. North Dakota is in desperate need of valuable nurses and nursing instructors. If this bill is passed it would serve as an incentive for me to stay in North Dakota and build my life and career here. Without the \$20,000 Nursing Loan Forgiveness there's no reason I wouldn't move to another state and make more money being a travel nurse while earning my BSN.

Kindest regards,

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