

I support this bill, SB2287, as it is a great way to appeal to people who are considering nursing as a career choice and North Dakota as an employment location. Looking at nursing programs now compared to when I was a nursing student (12 years ago), the number of applicants seems to have greatly decreased. This means less amount of nurses coming into the workforce and more competition for employers. This results in a nursing shortage within our state and facilities. This can lead to a decrease in the ability to provide patient care, can cause unsafe patient care or ratios, and cause burn out among nurses.

By passing this bill, it would likely attract people who may have considered a career in nursing to go ahead and choose this career. It would also attract nurses to choose to work in North Dakota instead of a bordering state such as Minnesota or South Dakota.