



Bipartisan *Train More Nurses Act*

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The Need:

- Nevada and the full United States know all too well the impact of our nation's health professional shortage on access to critical health care services.
- This public health crisis is exacerbated by shortages of registered nurses (RNs) and nursing school faculty, particularly in underserved communities.
 - Nevada currently has only 7.5 nurses per 1,000 people, the fifth worst ratio of nurses to served population in the country.ⁱ
 - 57% of Nevadans reside in primary medical care health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). This means that nearly 2 million Nevadans do not have access to the readily available primary medical care they need.ⁱⁱ
 - In order to meet national population-to-provider averages, Nevada would need over 4,000 additional RNs and nearly 3,500 licensed practical nurses (LPNs).ⁱⁱⁱ
 - In 2022, over 2,100 full-time faculty vacancies were reported in nursing schools across the country. This means that there is an 8.8% nurse faculty vacancy rate nationwide.^{iv}
- In the face of these shortages, Congress must ensure federal funding is put to its best possible use to effectively support the nursing workforce, particularly in underserved communities.

What This Bill Does:

- The ***Train More Nurses Act*** would ensure federal grants effectively address faculty shortages in nursing schools and support the nursing workforce, providing much-needed funding to communities that need it most as they combat nursing shortages.
 - The ***Train More Nurses Act*** would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a review of all nursing grant programs to find ways to increase faculty at nursing schools, particularly in underserved areas.
- The bill would also encourage increased pathways for LPNs to become RNs and for nurses who have more than 10 years of clinical experience to become faculty at nursing schools, providing valuable opportunities for members of our communities to increase the nursing pipeline.
- As we work to make health care more accessible for underserved communities, the ***Train More Nurses Act*** would provide critical support to our nursing workforce.

For more information, or to cosponsor or endorse this bill, please contact: Aneil Gill, aneil.gill@mail.house.gov, in Congresswoman Susie Lee's office.

ⁱ <https://nursejournal.org/articles/the-us-nursing-shortage-state-by-state-breakdown/>

ⁱⁱ <https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhgov/content/Boards/MCAB/Meetings/2022/5.%20PACKHAM%20MCHAB%2012-16-22.pdf>

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^{iv} <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-data/fact-sheets/nursing-faculty-shortage>