

TO: Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Suzanne Weber, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Amy Blankenship, MSN-Ed, RN

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RE: Support for SB 523

Dear Senators of the State Committee on Education:

Supporting a RN to BSN program at community colleges has the potential to positively impact the community by increasing the number of nurses with higher levels of education. This can result in better patient care due to the increased knowledge and skills of the nurses. Additionally, it can lead to better job prospects for nurses, as employers may be more likely to hire those with BSN degrees. Moreover, the program can help improve community health, as nurses with BSN degrees may be more likely to be involved in community health initiatives. Finally, the program can help reduce health care costs, as nurses with a BSN degree may be able to provide more efficient care due to their increased knowledge and skills. As a current community college nursing student, this is why I support SB 523 and ask that you do the same.

Sincerely,
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