



Senate Committee Advances Bipartisan Legislation Supporting the Nursing Profession and the Health of our Nation

July 22, 2026— The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) is proud to see one of our top legislative priorities, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (S. 1874), advance as a [manager's amendment](#) out of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee by voice vote. S.1874 would reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et. seq]) through Fiscal Year 2031 and help meet the nation's demand for nursing services in all communities, including rural and underserved areas, where nursing care is critical to improving health. The NCC commends the Committee for their bipartisan commitment to nursing education and the nursing workforce.

In addition, the Senate HELP Committee approved by voice vote two amendments to S.1874 including one from [Senator Lisa Murkowski \(R-AK\)](#) to address the need for more nurse faculty and another from [Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester \(D-DE\)](#) to support nursing workforce centers.

The NCC thanks the Senate HELP Committee, Chairman, Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Ranking Member, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for their efforts to move S. 1874 forward. We also extend our deep appreciation to the sponsor of S. 1874, and Senate Nursing Caucus Co-Chair, Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), along with champions Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and other cosponsors, for their steadfast leadership and dedication to ensuring high-quality, patient-centered nursing care for all Americans.

It is imperative that the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs are reauthorized this year as they help meet our nursing demand by connecting patients with care across a variety of settings including in community health centers, hospitals, universities, long-term care facilities, local and state health departments, schools, workplaces, and patients' homes. The NCC celebrates this advancement out of the Senate HELP Committee and remains committed to working with our partners in the Senate and House to swiftly pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization this Congress.

The [Nursing Community Coalition](#) includes 65 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, boards of nursing, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

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