



## House Appropriations Committee Advances Bill that Reduces and Changes Funding for Essential Nursing Programs

July 11, 2024 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we express disappointment in many provisions outlined in the House Appropriations Committee fiscal year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. This effort reduces funding and consolidates programs that impact our current and future nurses, including:

- **\$287.129 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, which is a \$18.343 million decrease over FY 2024 enacted levels.**
- **Consolidation of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), along with four other Institutes and Centers, into a new National Institute on Health Sciences Research, as part of an overall National Institutes of Health (NIH) restructuring effort.**

In their report, the Committee recognizes and supports action to address shortages of faculty and providers, as well as encouraging investment in various areas such as maternal health, safe patient handling, and patient advocate services. While we did see a \$6 million increase for some Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, the proposed elimination of the Nursing Workforce Diversity program is concerning and counterproductive. It is essential to have a health care workforce that reflects today's population, especially as nurses continue to work and serve in all areas, including in our rural and underserved communities.

Further, the NCC is surprised to see the proposed restructuring of NIH included in a funding bill. The NCC continues to emphasize the importance of the translational research being done by our nation's nurse researchers and scientists and strongly believes that such a substantial change deserves thoughtful and bipartisan conversations, comprehensive hearings, and extensive stakeholder feedback.

We must reinvest in the largest health care workforce, nursing. As this bill heads to the House floor for further consideration, the NCC looks forward to working with the Senate, congressional champions and leadership, and all members of Congress to restore and elevate funding for nursing programs and research in FY 2025.

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