



## Agenda Item 5.4

**Information Only: Presentation by the Department of  
Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)  
on Scholarship and Loan Repayment  
Programs for Nursing**

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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Presentation by the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) on scholarship and loan repayment programs for nursing students

**REQUESTED BY:** Board

**BACKGROUND:**

Health Progressions Education Foundation (HPEF) within HCAI improves access to healthcare in underserved areas of California by administering six (6) scholarships and loan repayment programs to health professional students and graduates who are dedicated to providing direct patient care in those areas.

[Assembly Bill 133](#) created the California Health Workforce Research Data Center within HCAI which is responsible for producing an annual report and submitting it to the Legislature on the following items:

- Supply, demand, and gaps in the pipeline
- Educational capacity and employment trends
- Diversity of the workforce
- Inform state policy to address workforce issues.

California Health Workforce Research Data Center serves as the state's central hub of health workforce data. This requires all health licensing boards to collect a core set of data elements for health workforce analysis and to provide this data to HCAI formerly known as the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The Research Data Center provides data and analysis to inform state policy regarding issues of workforce shortage, equity, and distribution and evaluate the effectiveness of its workforce programs.

Ten dollars of every Registered Nurse licensure renewal fee is transferred to HPEF to fund the following programs:

- Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship (LVN to ADN)
- Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program (ADN)
- Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) Scholarship Program
- Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program

**NEXT STEP:**

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