

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
University Senate

Sense of the Senate Resolution to support the Veto of Assembly Bill 1400

01-25/26-University Senate Executive Committee – September 30, 2025

WHEREAS: Data from the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and the CSU’s own experience show that there is ample capacity for ADN-to-BSN students, with BRN data from 2024 demonstrating that more than 2,000 spaces in ADN-to-BSN programs were available across California, many of them within the CSU, and...

WHEREAS: AB 1400 does nothing to address the actual bottleneck of limited clinical placements that would be needed to expand in order to grow institutional capacity for nursing instruction in the state, as the number of nursing students trained in California is limited by the availability of acute and non-acute care clinical placements in healthcare facilities, not by the number of programs, and...

WHEREAS: CSU has the capacity to enroll more students in its pre-licensure BSN programs, but cannot expand without additional placements approved by the BRN, and expanding programs without expanding placement opportunities would exacerbate the existing limitations of access, and...

WHEREAS: AB 1400 undermines the priorities of the 2022 CSU Multiyear Compact and the Community College Roadmap agreements between the Governor’s Office and the CSU and Community Colleges. The Compact emphasized collaboration, inclusive of the expansion of Associate Degrees for Transfer, and 2+2 models that expedite timely and successful completion of licensure pathways, while AB 1400 would push attention and resources toward duplicative programs that fragment California’s higher education system, rather than strengthening intersegmental pathways, and...

WHEREAS: AB 1400 will interfere with the goals of Executive Order N-11-23 (August 2023), which directed the new Master Plan for Career Education to prioritize alignment, coordination, and collaboration across segments. Allowing community colleges to duplicate CSU’s BSN programs would create unnecessary competition for scarce clinical placements and qualified faculty, contradicting the vision of coordination central to the Master Plan, and...

WHEREAS: AB 1400 conflicts with the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program (RNIGP). The 2024–25 budget dedicated \$60 million over four years in Proposition 98 funds for the RNIGP to expand BSN partnerships with CSU, UC, and independent institutions, and to improve ADN programs at community colleges. As set out in Education Code 88770, the grant program explicitly supports collaboration and partnership—not independent community college BSN programs. AB 1400 directly conflicts with this statutory intent, and...

WHEREAS: CSU universities and Community Colleges—including Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods—already have concurrent enrollment partnership programs with nearly 50 community colleges

across the state. These partnerships have a demonstrated history of success, and the CSU is eager to develop more. These programs offer students streamlined BSN pathways, which can reduce the time to graduation from an average of five to six years to three to four years. These partnerships have also helped community colleges become nationally accredited and have increased opportunities for efficient clinical placement coordination, be it...

RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate asks Governor Gavin Newsom to Veto AB 1400, and be it further...

RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate encourages Community Colleges, the CSU, and the UC to increase collaborative educational partnerships rather than pursuing competitive nursing programs, and be it further...

RESOLVED: That the text of this resolution be distributed to:

Governor Gavin Newsom

Senator Mike McGuire

Assemblymember Chris Rogers

Chancellor Mildred Garcia

Cal Poly Humboldt President Michael Spagna

College of the Redwoods President Keith Flamer

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