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NURSES: 20/20 VISION FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW


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NURSES DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE
FEBRUARY 2020

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Objectives

- Overview of Advocacy Work
- Review current political environment
- Understand 2020 Session/examine current bills
- Call to Action



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LARC: Legislation, Advocacy, Representation Committee

Review of
All
Introduced
Bills

10 committee members review all
Legislative bills introduced to the
NE Unicameral
NNA Legislative Platform

Support
Neutral
Oppose
Monitor



Don Wesely
Government Liaison



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LARC: 2020 Committee Members

Denise Waterfield, Chair, (Kearney)

Rita Weber, Vice Chair, (Kearney)

Jordan Colwell (Scottsbluff)

Ben Garcia (Gering)

Libby Lewandowski (Milford)

Niki Eisenmann (Lincoln)

Linda Jensen (Papillion)

Lin Hughes (Omaha)

Alison Nelson (At-Large)

Megan Rokusek (At-Large).

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4 Pillars Of Legislative Platform

- Support Registered Nurses
- Support Scope of Practice
- Support the Future of Nursing
- Support Healthcare Access

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NNA Priority Bills - 2020

Written
Testimony

Oral
Testimony

- LB205 Surgical Technologist Registration - Oppose
- LB378 Helmet Bill - Oppose
- LB804 Require Payment for Epi Auto injector - Support
- LB838 Assignment by Physicians - Support (hearing today)
- LB893 EMS Changes - Support
- LB955 Medicaid Appeals - Support
- LB970 Insulin Cost Limit - Support
- LB1001 Suicide Prevention - Support
- LB1052 Preferred Drug list - Support
- LB1112 Sexual Assault Exam Payment - Support
- LB1176 Bans some flavored Tobacco Products - Support

<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/>



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Legislative Environment

- Limited revenue
- Priority is to reduce taxes/spending
- Continues to be much more partisan
- Monitoring “Appropriate use of caregivers in many settings”
 - EMS
 - Assignment by physicians
- Some efforts to reduce size of government



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What can you do?

- Be Informed
 - NNA Website
 - Email Blasts
- Be Engaged
 - Talk to your Senator today.
 - Communicate with your Senator
 - Personal meeting
 - Call
 - Email
 - Contact a LARC Committee Member



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Resources

- NNA Website
 - Bill Tracker
 - Testimony available for members
- LARC@nebraskanurses.org
- NNAPAC@nebraskanurses.org

