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# FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

## Nursing Workforce

**Southern California Wildfires:** As communities throughout Southern California face unthinkable losses due to wildfires, the Oregon nursing community seeks ways to support fellow healthcare workers and residents. Organizations like the [United Way of Greater Los Angeles](#), the [California Community Foundation](#), and the [American Red Cross Los Angeles Region](#) offer direct giving and support opportunities.

**Upcoming OSBN Meetings:** Join the Oregon State Board of Nursing for its first meeting of the year, scheduled for Wednesday, January 15. For additional information about meeting times and how to attend, [visit the OSBN Event Calendar](#). All meetings are also [streamed live on YouTube](#). Finally, you can [review the material to be covered here](#).

**New CMS Website for CNAs:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [launched a new career website](#) for anyone interested in working as a certified nursing assistant (CNA). The online resource includes an overview of training, career advancement ideas, and a search tool for CNA training by state.

## Nursing Education

**Providence Strike and Clinical Placements:** The Oregon State Board of Nursing is actively assessing how to support nursing programs that choose to reschedule clinical placements at Providence facilities amidst the ongoing labor strike. During the OSBN Board meeting on January 15th, members will consider implementing temporary rules for clinical standards to address unforeseen circumstances, potentially allowing exceptions to the current limits on simulation-based education.

**Increasing Student Nurse to Faculty Ratios:** A new legislative concept, introduced by Oregon State Representative Nancy Nathanson of Eugene, proposes raising the staff-to-student ratio to 10 students per faculty member in clinical placements. Oregon's current law allows up to eight students per clinical instructor. While Washington and Idaho already enforce a 10:1 ratio, some states have no mandated ratio, creating varied implications for safety, faculty workload, and clinical opportunities. According to the proposed bill, programs would retain some flexibility in determining ratios, but increased communication between schools and clinical sites will be essential. The change might allow temporary adjustments to accommodate specific needs, such as makeup days. Huddlers also agreed that nurse educators and their employers would need to address faculty overwhelm at the school level. The proposed bill is expected to be available for public review early next week [on the Oregon State Legislature website using the OLIS system](#).

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, January 17, at 8:00 a.m.

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