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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

**Well-Being Survey:** OCN's [statewide nurse well-being survey](#), distributed via the Oregon Board of Nursing, is still open with more than 2,000 responses so far. Please complete it if you haven't yet, as it closes next week.

**Mental Health & Support Resources:** Huddlers discussed updates on the [Nurses Assistance Network \(NAN\)](#). The importance of nonjudgmental support was greatly emphasized, especially the need for safe spaces for healthcare staff to share if they fear their license may be in jeopardy due to substance abuse or mental health concerns.

**Workforce Legislation Updates:** The [national budget bill](#) could include significant Medicaid cuts and changes to public lands, and despite the perception from the media, nothing is finalized. Oregon's legislative session is winding down, and we are watching two key bills:

- **HB 2748 (AI Title Protection):** Passed and awaiting the Governor's signature. It ensures AI cannot use protected titles such as "registered nurse" or "certified nurse."
- **HB 3902 (Faculty/Workforce Task Forces):** Made it through Ways & Means, but has not yet passed. This bill would direct OSBN to develop two formal task forces on nurse faculty challenges, and the overall nursing workforce.

## Nursing Education

**RENEW Project:** OCN's [RENEW initiative](#) is funding multiple public nursing schools to implement faculty well-being and retention strategies—from administrative support hires to wellness retreats. Private programs are not currently included in the RENEW project, but plans for a broader statewide faculty initiative are underway.

## Events & Happenings

**OCN Outstanding Preceptor Event:** Nominations for Outstanding Preceptor of 2025 will close on August 1. Be sure to send in your [nominations now!](#) Save the Date: Outstanding Preceptor Awards will take place Sept. 17 as an online event.

**OCN Legislature Tracker:** The Oregon Center for Nursing compiles an [annual nonpartisan tracker of proposed bills](#) with the possibility of impacting nursing professionals and the healthcare workforce. This page is updated weekly with the latest legislative process.

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, June 27th, at 8:00 a.m.

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