



Assembly Bill 1400 of 2025 Opposition

RES 252602

EC

- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) opposes California Assembly Bill 1400 (Soria) of 2025 Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of CSUB endorses the Veto Request letter dated September 15, 2025, issued by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU); and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of CSUB requests that the Governor of California veto Assembly Bill 1400.
- RATIONALE:** California Assembly Bill 1400 by Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria would authorize ten community college districts to offer and thereby duplicate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees currently offered at CSU universities.

As noted in the Veto Request letter by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate of the California State University, the bill is inconsistent with the CSU Multiyear Compact and the Community College Roadmap, it interferes with the goals of California's Master Plan for Career Education, and it conflicts with the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program. Furthermore, since the created programs would replace existing ADN programs at community colleges, it will not create more registered nurses. Instead, the competition for limited clinical placements will create new barriers to all existing programs.

CSU campuses already have concurrent enrollment partnership programs, as well as abundant capacity of high-quality ADN to BSN programs. The CSU existing programs provide an efficient and effective pathway that meets the needs of the State.

Two similar bills, SB 895 and AB 2104 (of 2024) were vetoed by the Governor of California based on similar rationale. As the conditions of the State remain similar, AB 1400 should be vetoed.

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Approved by the Academic Senate: September 25, 2025

Sent to the President:

President Approved: