

- Good Afternoon, my name is Sara Massmann & I am a Legislative Committee Co-Chair for the Alaska Nurses Association
- Thank you to the House Labor & Commerce Committee for hosting this Meeting
- We understand licensing. The profession of nursing holds a considerable amount of the licenses in the state of Alaska.
- We have actively been working to help nurses and now all professions that hold licenses to navigate the process of receiving a license in the state of alaska.
- We believe that the issues that nurses face are most likely a problem for other professions in the state of alaska. This belief comes from talking with other professionals and members of the legislature.
- We would like to start a coordinated discussion with all groups that hold a license and see what issues we all are facing. And then work with the administration to fix those issues. Possible fixes may be web-sites that are difficult to navigate - that professionals could help test. We can also look at licensing requirements that are difficult to meet. An example would be Nurses needing to provide their original college transcript. If a new nurse to Alaska has been a nurse for 30 years, it is quite possible that the transcript is not available on-line and the school could have even changed.
- Military Spouses deserve a seamless and expedient transition to continuing their career in Alaska. We propose a Military Spouse Courtesy License that would be available for all professions that the state of Alaska licenses. We feel that we can take the lead in seeing this Military Courtesty license become a reality. We know the issue from our research through discussions with the legislature, professionals and our contacts at both JBER and Elison. I would be happy to provide a copy of this proposal in writing to the Committee.

- Last we would like to see a review in all of the areas that are licensed that may need an emergency license during a pandemic or a health emergency. An example of a health emergency is when we need to help our villages handle a RSV outbreak. We have learned from Covid that we need to get ahead of possible licensing delays and we feel that the emergency area just needs to be double checked to make sure it is ready for the next problem that arises
- Again thank you for hosting this meeting. I will be happy to answer any questions right now or at a later time.