

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5523 Board of Nursing

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

SB 5523 is the budget bill for the Board of Nursing.

The Board of Nursing regulates nursing education, licensure, and practice.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends a 2023-25 budget of \$24,452,168 Other Funds and 58 positions (57.90 FTE). This is a 5.2% increase over current service level. The recommended budget:

- Makes permanent two limited-duration Public Service Representative 4 positions granted during the June 2022 Emergency Board to help reduce the license and endorsement backlog.
- Reclassifies upward a Principal Manager A to a Licensing Manager 1 and an Administrative Specialist 1 to an Administrative Specialist 2, to reflect the increased responsibility and workload associated with the growth in licenses and licensing staff.
- Provides two limited-duration Public Service Representative 4 positions to answer the phones for the board after being turned off for two years. Additionally, these positions will be able to process license and endorsement applications.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5523 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.