



February 28, 2023

Assembly Government Affairs Committee Members

Nevada State Legislature

Subject: UNR HOSA-FHP Support of AB45

Salutations Assembly Government Affairs Committee Members,

The members of HOSA—Future Health Professionals at the University of Nevada, Reno would like to submit a letter in support of AB45. Our organization consists predominantly of future medical students, many of whom will proudly serve the state of Nevada for decades to come.

However, a multitude of our members have expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of their future plans. An education in medicine, though lucrative after graduation, requires a large sum of money to obtain. To temporarily relieve the financial demand of medical school, many students acquire loans. However, the amount of money owed will only grow as a student continues their studies in medicine, and oftentimes, these loans prove to be greater than what the student can financially tolerate.

The passage of AB45 will not only address the financial concerns of students pursuing medicine, but it will also address the inevitable fact of our increasing elderly population. As science and technology continues to move forward at an exponential rate, people will continue to live longer. According to the United States Census Bureau, by 2060, 25% of the United States population will be 65 years or older. Our state must secure a workforce of health professionals to ensure that the growing elderly population, in addition to our youth and adults, can access quality, affordable healthcare regardless of their location and financial status.

AB45 has the ability to change the future of not just Nevadan, but American healthcare as a whole. Our members implore all members of the Nevada State Legislature to vote in support of AB45; for our health, for our people, and for our futures.

Sincerely,

The Members of HOSA—Future Health Professionals of the University of Nevada, Reno