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Legislative Update

by Marty Couret

The legislative session is in full swing. This year is a long session 105 days versus last years 60. We are hoping to get a few pieces of legislation through. Since our organization doesn't have tons of money to give to campaigns, it counts on the grass root efforts of its members. That means you. Below is a list of the bills that we are trying to get through. We have posted our legislative agenda as well as a Nurse Practitioner fact sheet on our web site for you to send to your legislators.

Labor and Industries: HB1691 – HB 1691 passed out of the commerce and labor committee 8 to 1. This bill moved from the House Rules Committee on March 7, 2003 to the House floor. Once it passes the House it will be on to the Senate. This bill would allow advanced registered nurse practitioners to sign the accident report form and time loss form for L&I. Currently these forms must be signed by a physician. ARNPs can already treat the patients, have L&I numbers, and can be reimbursed by L&I. This bill allows us to sign the two forms we cannot currently sign.

Cross Border Prescriptions: SB 5675 – This bill is designed to allow prescriptions from out of state ARNPs to be filled in Washington. Despite our effort to work collaboratively, the Pharmacy Association came out against our bill and sent a letter to the entire Senate Health Care Committee. This bill never made it to the Health Care Committee. This is unfortunate for Washington residents that see an out of state ARNP.

Handicapped Parking: HB 1655 and SB 5460 – As of March 7, 2003 these bills have entered their respective Rules Committees for second readings. These bills would reinforce the Washington Administrative Code that already allows ARNPs to sign for handicapped parking permits. We anticipate that these bills will pass through their respective Rules Committees and be up for a vote soon.

For More Information

Go to the ARNPs United of Washington State website www.nurse.org/wa/au to review our legislative agenda. For questions contact Marty Couret at au-legch@nurse.org.

Update on Federal Tort Reform Legislation

We are thrilled to announce that the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2003 passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 13th by a margin of 229-196. This bill will be voted on in the Senate the week of March 24th. The

Senate version has been introduced by Senator John Ensign, and the bill number is S. 607. For the complete text of the legislation, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/> and type in the bill number. Please contact your senators and let them know that you are in support of S. 607. To do so via email using the American College of Nurse-Midwives website (available to anyone), go to www.capwiz.com/acnm/home/, click on malpractice alert, and enter your zip code. It only takes a minute of your time!

Classified Ads

ARNP/CNMs, Reproductive Health

Planned Parenthood of Western Washington has built a reputation for the highest standards in reproductive healthcare, and advocate for Choice. PPWW is recruiting for candidates who share our pursuit of professionalism and support of the Mission.

We are seeking ARNP's to provide quality patient care to compliment our reproductive healthcare team. We have several opportunities available: FT/Federal Way, FT/Tacoma, and PT & FT float positions!. Must have current WA State RN & ARNP (WHNP, FNP, Adult NP, or CNM) licenses, prescriptive authority, and 1+ yr women's health care experience preferred.

To apply, fax your cvr ltr/resume to (206) 328-6818. Email jobs@ppww.org, or mail to PPWW/HR, 2001 E. Madison, Seattle, WA 98122. Call toll-free Jobline 1-866-PPWW-JOB. PPWW offers a solid benefit package. www.ppww.org. EOE.

ARNP Reproductive Health

Seeking ARNP specializing in male and female reproductive health at a busy non-profit Family Planning Clinic, serving the area for over 30 years. Position includes participation in mobile clinics throughout the Northwest, serving isolated minorities. 30-40 hrs/wk, competitive salary DOE, medical, dental, vision, life and disability, 403B.

Resumes to: Family Planning of Clallam County, ATTN: Human Resources, PO Box 927, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Email fpcc1@familyplanningofcc.org

Certified Nurse Practitioner

Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Medication Management

Small independent counseling center seeking part-time ARNP interested in private practice opportunity. Located in Renton, WA. Contact Gloria at Sound Counseling Associates, 4300 Talbot Road S., Suite 304, Renton, WA 98055; fax: 425-271-5604; phone: 425-271-1333.

ARNP - Family Practice

Pacific Lutheran University Wellness Clinic

FNP position in a family practice, ARNP-based, community clinic sponsored through the PLU School of Nursing. Serves as primary care provider, clinical leader and preceptor for students in a clinic focused toward underserved and at-risk populations. Four days per week (negotiable) plus after-hours telephone call. Opportunity for a joint faculty appointment and full-time position may exist for interested and qualified indi-

viduals. Excellent benefits. Contact Dana Zaichkin at 253-535-7516 or zaichkdl@plu.edu

CE Opportunities

Seventh Annual Cardiac Whistler Conference

Date: June 26-28, 2003 • **Description:** Delta Whistler Resort, Whistler, BC 13.8 CEARP Hours -Registration Fee \$275 Registration Fee includes: Thursday afternoon opening reception (for entire family), breakfast on both Friday and Saturday. For a brochure contact KHezel@Providence.org or call 425.261.3691.

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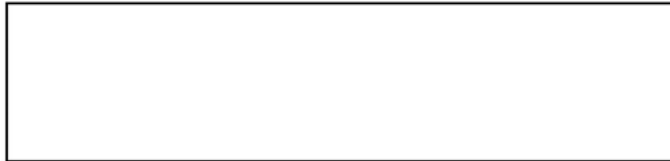
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