Support **HB 2980** by Rep. Donna Howard

**SCHOOLS ARE STRUGGLING**

One of the largest barriers to combating the shortage of nurses in Texas is a **lack of available clinical training sites** to train nurses. Currently, high demand means:

- Institutions of higher education must turn away qualified applicants.
- Hospital facilities are forced to limit the number of available clinical slots in their facility.

**MSN and PhD programs are forced to turn away 18-20% of applicants.**

**NURSES NEED HANDS-ON TRAINING**

Many nursing programs have incorporated simulation labs to supplement student clinical experiences, and the innovation in simulation labs shows promising results. But hands-on clinical education is still an integral component of undergraduate and graduate nursing education.

**WHAT TEXAS NEEDS**

House Bill 2980 creates an innovative grant program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to award funds for new ways to increase clinical spaces for graduate nurses.

**By 2030, Texas will be 60,000 nurses short.**

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The Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition (NLAC), the largest coalition of nursing groups in Texas, urges you to VOTE YES on HB 2980.