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Protecting Public Safety and Ensuring Trust in Nursing is Protected

We are saddened to hear the results of the California State Auditor's [June 2020 Investigative Report](#) released one week prior to the official [54-page State Audit of the BRN](#) from July 7th, 2020.

The investigation revealed that the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) executives knowingly falsified data and violated state law by artificially decreasing caseloads for BRN investigators - in certain cases taking, on average, 3 years from the date of complaint to disciplinary action. We would be remiss if we did not also highlight that this has been a persistent issue for the past 12+ years. Questionable tactics by BRN leadership have been noted and addressed by both California Governor Schwarzenegger (2009) and Governor Brown (2012), and in 2010, 2014, and 2016 Sunset Reviews.

It is time we bring nursing to the 21st century by streamlining operations of a woefully understaffed BRN, continued oversight of proposed solutions, and most importantly, hold accountable current leadership. We must do this in order to ensure the safety of the public and to ensure that the future of nursing as the most trusted profession is protected.

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