

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Adopt the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to pass Social Work Reinvestment Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increase in demand for social workers
- Populations served and services provided by social workers
- Salary averages for social workers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the United State Department of Labor and the Oregon Employment Department, the need for social workers will increase significantly. While demand for social workers increases, a study by the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers found that the average annual salary for an Oregon social worker with an average of over 11 years of experience is \$48,718.

House Joint Memorial 13-A urges establishment of a Social Work Reinvestment Commission to advise Congress and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with social work. The commission would review the current social work workforce challenges and their effects on communities, develop strategies to maximize social workers' capacity to serve their clients with expertise, and provide grants to states to support research in education, training and community-based programs of excellence.