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To: Human Services Subcommittee  
 From: MaryMichelle Sosne, Legislative Fiscal Office  
 Date: April 29, 2025  
 Subject: HB 5018 – Board of Licensed Social Workers  
 Work Session Recommendations

Board of Licensed Social Workers				
<i>Agency Totals</i>				
FUND TYPE	2021-23 ACTUAL	2023-25 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2025-27 CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL	2025-27 LFO RECOMMENDED
Other Funds	2,261,952	2,819,682	2,953,193	3,122,120
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>2,261,952</b>	<b>2,819,682</b>	<b>2,953,193</b>	<b>3,122,120</b>
Positions	7	10	8	9
FTE	7.00	8.50	7.50	8.50

Attached are the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommendations for the 2025-27 biennial budget and Key Performance Measure for the Board of Licensed Social Workers. The recommended budget of \$3,122,120 Other Fund and nine positions (8.50 FTE) represent a 10.7% increase from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget (LAB), and a 5.7% increase from the current service level budget (CSL). Increases from the 2023-25 LAB are attributable to statewide personal services growth, standard inflation for services and supplies, and one-time funding to extend one limited duration full-time Office Specialist 2 position to assist with an increase in applications.

**Adjustments to Current Service Level**

See attached “Work Session Presentation Report.”

Note: Statewide adjustments and six-year capital construction expenditures are not included in these recommendations. Any needed adjustments will be made in end of session bills.

**Accept** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to HB 5018 *(vote)*

**OR**

**Modify** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to HB 5018, with modifications. *(vote)*

## Performance Measures

See attached “Legislatively Proposed 2025-27 Key Performance Measures.”

**Accept** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures. *(vote)*

**OR**

**Modify** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures, with modifications. *(vote)*

## Budget Notes

### Licensing Database Acquisition

The Board of Licensed Social Workers, in consultation with the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, are directed to return to the Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2026 session to report on the status of developing a new licensing database. The report should include the estimated costs of the project, proposed timelines, and plan for the respective agencies to fund the project through licensing revenue, including costs for ongoing operations and maintenance.

**Accept** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Budget Notes. *(vote)*

**OR**

**Modify** LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Budget Notes, with modifications. *(vote)*

## Amendment

LFO recommends a budget of \$3,122,120 Other Fund, and 9 positions 8.50 FTE, which is reflected in the –1 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –1 amendment to HB 5018 *(vote)*

## Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 5018, as amended by the – 1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move HB 5018, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

## Carriers

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_