

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## SB 5532

### Mental Health Regulatory Agency

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Ruiz

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SB 5532 is the budget bill for the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, which is comprised of two separate mental health licensing boards: the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the Board of Psychology. The boards are supported by fees generated from licensing applications and renewals, examinations, and civil penalties.

The 2025-27 budget recommended by the Subcommittee totals \$7,196,001 Other Funds and includes 17 positions and 17.00 FTE, which is an increase of 15.9% above the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget. The recommended budget includes increased expenditure limitation to establish two new permanent full-time positions, one Compliance Specialist (1.00 FTE) and one Investigator (1.00 FTE). Additionally, the recommended budget includes reclassifying two existing permanent positions. The Subcommittee also approved a budget note, directing the Agency to return to the Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means in the 2026 session to report on a plan to acquire a new licensing system utilizing licensing revenue.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5532 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.