

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass 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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts person working as school social worker from prohibition against person who is not regulated social worker using title, words or abbreviations indicating that person has authorization to practice social work. Clarifies requirements for clinical social work licensure. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of exemption
- Practice outside of schools still requiring licensure by the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers
- Burden of current dual-licensure requirement
- Technical fix amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 177, which limits the use of the title “social worker” to persons with degrees in social work and licensure from the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers (Board). In 2010, the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) adopted rules allowing for licensure by the TSPC of school social workers. Unless a person licensed by TSPC is dually licensed by the Board, the provisions of Senate Bill 177 prohibit him or her from using “social worker.” House Bill 2314-A amends the law to allow school social workers licensed by TSPC to use the title “social worker.”

House Bill 2314-A also includes a technical fix regarding the requirements for licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Senate Bill 177 erroneously included licensure as a Licensed Master’s Social Worker as a prerequisite for LCSW licensure. This error contradicts other statutes defining LCSW prerequisites and practice limitations.