

HB 5009

Board of Licensed Social Workers

HB 5009 is the budget bill for the Board of Licensed Social Workers. The mission of the Board is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of social workers. The Board sets policy, writes and adopts rules, renews licenses annually, and audits continuing education as part of the renewal process. Board staff is responsible for issuing and renewing licenses, investigating complaints, and monitoring disciplined licensees.

The Education Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$1,484,362 Other Funds and 6 positions (6.00 FTE). This funding level is a 6.4% increase from the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget. The Board is 100% OF derived from fees, applications, and background checks. The Education Subcommittee acknowledged that the Board would increase fees administratively by 10% under their rulemaking authority. The committee also reviewed and approved the agency's key performance measures.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5009 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.