

SB 5509

Board of Licensed Social Workers

SB 5509 is the budget bill for the Board of Licensed Social Workers. The seven-member board provides consumer protection through the licensing and regulation of social workers.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$1,723,281 Other Funds and six positions and FTE. This budget represents a 14.7% increase from the 2015-17 legislatively approved budget and a 3.3% increase from the 2017-19 current service level. The budget includes sufficient funding to continue operations of the Board and to provide for a technology update to the board's existing database and implementation of eLITE software to allow online licensing and renewal. The projected ending balance is equivalent to approximately four months of operating expenses.

The Education Subcommittee also recommends adoption of the Key Performance Measures as presented.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5509 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.