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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chairs  
Senator Kate Lieber  
Representative Tawna Sanchez

From: Board of Licensed Social Workers

Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: 2025-27 BLSW Reduction Options

**BLSW Statutory Mission:**

The mission of the State Board of Licensed Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of social workers.

The Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW) thoroughly examined the 25 – 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget and selected reductions resulting in decreased overall service delivery. Once implemented, enhanced services (such as BLSW attendance at industry conferences and trainings, on site meetings at community locations, BLSW delivered on site trainings, etc.) would be lowered or eliminated. BLSW would deliver only those services closer to our core mission but reduced from the current level of service delivery.

Here are **few examples** of the items BLSW has reduced or eliminated:

- In-state and out-of-state travel
- Employee training
- Forecasted reserve for a licensing system upgrade and office supplies (such as office chairs, sit / stand stations and monitors).

BLSW also significantly reduced funds allocated for contracted temporary office and investigations staff designed to match customer needs. These funds were originally allocated as a cost savings mechanism which allowed BLSW to be responsive to intermittently increased customer demand without the need to hire additional permanent staff.

Thank you for your valuable time. Please contact me with any concerns.

Sincerely,

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Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW) - Reduction Options																
2025-27 Biennium																
2025-27 LAB					-	-	3,149,980	-	3,149,980							
Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Priority (ranked most to least preferred)	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Yes / No	Describe the reduction and associated impact on services and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.			
Dept																Prgm/ Div
		12400	General S&S 2.5%			78,749.50		\$ 78,749.50			yes	no	Professional Services, Expendable Property, Out of State Travel, Instate Travel, Office Expenses, Employee Training. Decreases ability to contract with outside investigators and other contested case expenses. Eliminates ability to reconfigure office space in response to changing customer needs. Limits Board's ability to participate in Association and conference based trainings. Limits Board's ability to meet in-person and to participate in state-wide trainings. Reduces agency's ability to resond to daily needs and reduces ability to service the public. Decreases employee training and staff ability to add/improve work skills.			
		12400	General S&S 2.5%			78,749.50		\$ 78,749.50			yes	no	Employee Training, Employee Recruitment & Development, Attorney General, Dues & Subscriptions, IT Professional Services. Decreases employee training and staff ability to add/improve work skills. Limits agency's ability to expand recruitment pool for openings. Reduces Board's ability to consult with legal counsel. Limits Board's abilty to participate in social work Associations. Increases staff workload and decreases staff ability to serve public.			
				TOTAL	-	-	157,499.00	-	\$ 157,499.00	0	0.00					

Target (5%) Difference

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157,499.00

BLSW

2025-27 Biennium

Detail of Programs in the 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget that have been established or expanded since 2021-23															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Agency	SCR	Program Establishment /		Authorization	Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status
		Biennium	Effective Date												
12400	N/A	0	N/A	0	No new or expanded programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	0	0.00	No new or expanded programs
												\$ -			
												\$ -			
				TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	0	0.00	