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I am a LCSW who has worked for Cascadia Behavioral healthcare, Kaiser, Providence, and am now in private practice. Losing the board of social workers will increase the burden to get licensed. I have a social work advanced license in Washington State, and don't understand where to turn when I have questions about the license, so I have never been able to use my license in that state for my private practice. I can't locate information about what my rights and responsibilities are in that state. I have only kept that license in case I return to working for a medical company that requires it. I think that losing the board would create more problems for licensure. I don't understand why social workers alone would lose their board but LMFTs and LPCs would continue having a board? I am frustrated and angry that this law has been proposed without enough time for social workers to give testimony. I am talking to colleagues who have no idea that it's possible that we could lose the board. Please do not pass this law. Credentialling that I need help with, is insurance credentialling.