

Testimony Opposing SB0018

**State Board of Social Work Examiners - Provisional License to Practice Social Work -
Established**

UNFAVORABLE

March 23, 2026

Delegate Heather Bagnall, Chair; Delegate Bonnie Cullison, Vice Chair; and esteemed members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 18, which creates a provisional two-year license for social workers.

Ideally, there should be an alternative pathway so that social workers can be considered social workers without having to take the exam. Unfortunately, the bill was amended to eliminate this option and instead would implement a temporary authorization while still requiring the exam. For this reason, I recommend an unfavorable report on SB0018 in its current form.

Respectfully Submitted,
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