



State of Nevada

**Board of Examiners for Social Workers**

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Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor  
Senator Pat Spearman, Chair  
401 S Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Agenda Item VII, Sub A Statement

Chair Spearman and Members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor. For the record, my name is Vikki Erickson. I am the Executive Director for the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers.

First, I would like to thank the committee on behalf Social Work industry to allow me to present today. We have seen significant interest in identifying opportunities for the industry of Social Work to expand and we do appreciate the support.

The Board and the Association of Social Work Boards have an excellent working relationship. We appreciate the partnership in working through any unforeseen issues licensing social workers in Nevada but also identifying potential opportunities that strengthen the industry and streamlining the path to licensure.

In looking at the presentation you will receive from the association, we agree that the data is accurate. The only difference in this data that I want to note, is the presentation indicates there are about 4000 licensees in the State of Nevada, however we now have close to 4700.

Looking ahead to the 2025 legislative session, the Board and the Association both are in support of the proposed Interstate Compact for Social Workers. As of today, there are four states that have adopted the compact including Utah. Please refer to the map that was submitted to committee staff. When the compact reaches seven states, the compact will go into effect. It is then the process begins of setting up the Social Workers Compact Commission which includes putting together a database of licensees. This process will likely take roughly a year to stand up.

I also wanted to bring to the committee's attention that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services will be hearing from the Council of State Governments regarding the Social Workers Compact on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

We applaud the significant interest in social workers and request today as we will request on Monday, a bill draft request for the Social Workers Compact leading up to the 2025 legislative session from either interim committee.

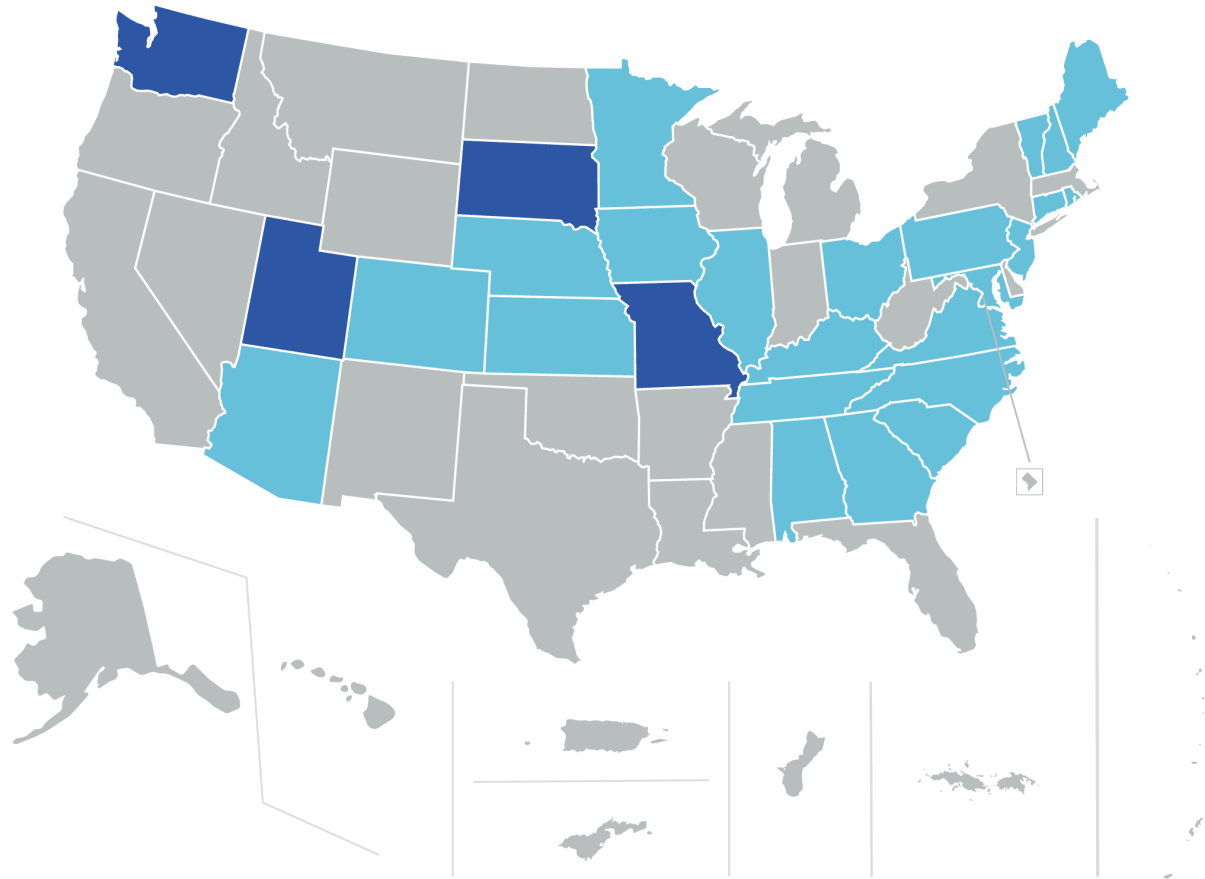
Thank you for your time. I am available to answer any questions.

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# COMPACT MAP



-  No Active Legislation
-  Legislation Pending
-  Legislation Enacted



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