



Known Bill Draft Requests Affecting the Behavioral Health Workforce

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Today's Presentation

- Provide general overview of known behavioral health workforce BDRs
 - Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards
 - Legislators
 - Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
 - Patient Protection Commission
- Other workforce development progress
- Contacts
- Questions

Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDRs

Rural RBHPB:

- BDR 54-403 “Revises provisions relating to behavioral health.”
- Enters the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers into the newly-formed “Social Work Compact”.
<https://swcompact.org/>
- Revises language for annual licensure data reporting



Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDRs

Washoe RBHPB:

- BDR S-405 “Requires a study of mental and behavioral health care parity in Nevada.”
- Explore where Nevada payors (public and private) are falling short in payment parity.



Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDRs

Northern RBHPB:

- BDR 39-434 “Revises provisions relating to peer recovery support services.”
 - Add “transition aged youth” as possible PRSS Interns, with supervision from Certified PRSS Supervisors
 - Create a workforce pool for PRSSs and Certified Prevention Specialists (C-PS)



Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDRs

Southern RBHPB:

- BDR 39-368 “Revises provisions relating to providers of nonemergency secure behavioral health transport services.”
- Workforce effects: mechanisms to reimburse transport companies for “deadhead” miles, improving business viability and staffing



Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDRs

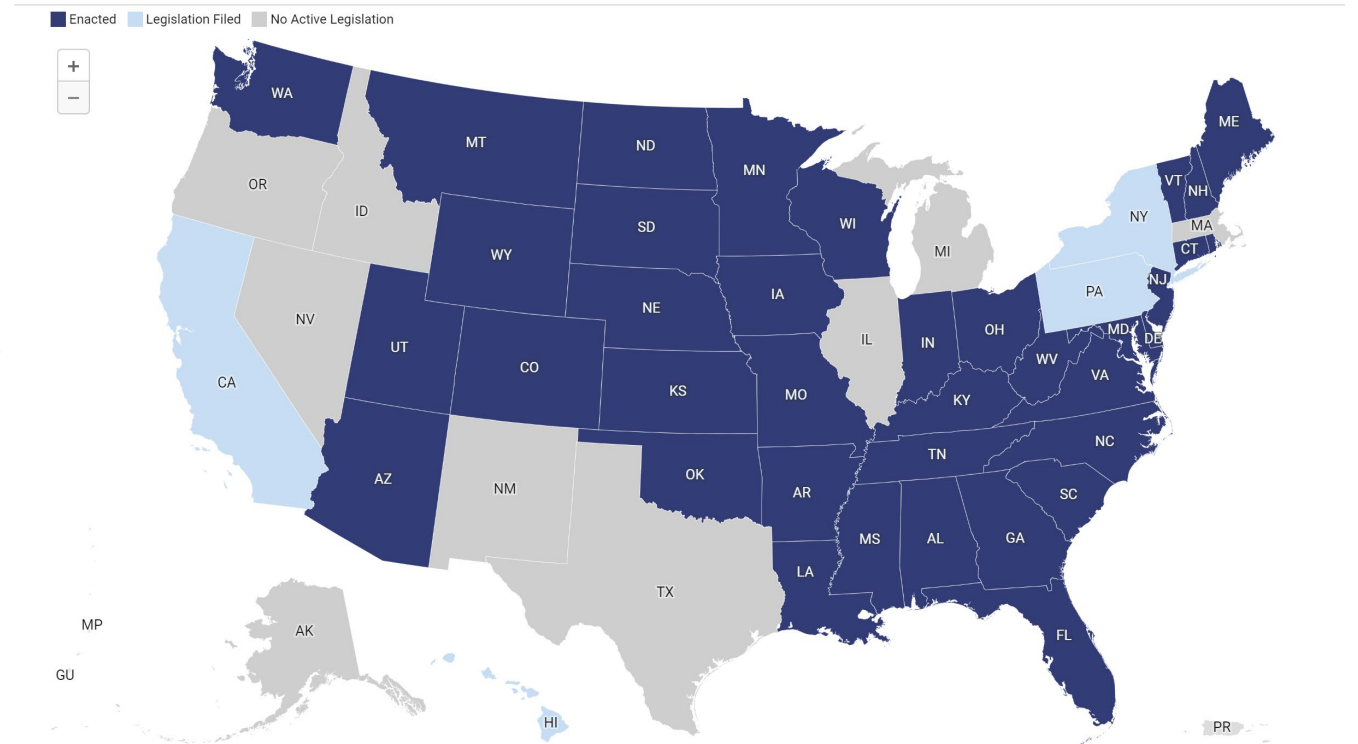
Clark RBHPB:

- BDR 31-433 “Revises provisions relating to state financial administration.”
- Streamlining federal grant processing
- Will avoid past discontinuity in services due to grant distribution lag time



Known Legislator BDRs

- **Assemblyman Hafen and Senator Titus**
 - BDR 129 “Revises provisions governing health care.”
 - Will enter the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors into the “Counseling Compact”
 - For more info, visit: www.CounselingCompact.org



Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (Interim HHS)

- BDR 352, “Revises provisions relating to social work.”
 - Social Work Apprenticeship program within the BESW
- BDR 40-353, “Makes revisions relating to health professions.”
 - Establish the State Office of Health Care Workforce and Licensing within DPBH
 - Includes Behavioral Health Licensing Board (consolidating current BH licensing boards)
 - Explore other licensing board consolidation during 2025-2026 interim

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (Interim HHS)

- BDR 354, “Establishes priority review for certain applicants for licensure to practice health professions.”
 - “giving priority review status to the application of an applicant for a license or certificate who demonstrates that he or she intends to practice in an historically underserved community as defined in NRS 704.78343. An applicant shall provide proper documentation, including, without limitation, a letter from an employer located in a historically underserved community indicating that the applicant has accepted employment and stating the start date.”*

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (Interim HHS)

- BDR 358, “Creates the Office of Children's Mental and Behavioral Health.”
 - Purpose: to create the Office of Children’s Mental and Behavioral Health in the Director’s Office of DHHS to tie together all efforts and programming related to children’s mental health, and to remove existing silos.
 - “Make an appropriation totaling \$1,113,364 from the State General Fund to DHHS over the 2025–2027 Biennium for the personnel and operating costs of the Office created in the Department and make an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for equipment and office supplies in FY 2025–2026.”*

The Patient Protection Commission (PPC)

- BDR 54-449, “Revises provisions relating to certain providers of health care.”
 - Multiple Interstate Licensure Compacts, including the Nursing Compact
- BDR 38-451, “Revises provisions relating to graduate medical education.”
 - Establish a new Medicaid Health Care Workforce Fund at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy to support efforts to expand the state’s health care workforce, including, but not limited to:
 - Eligible Graduate Medical Education programs;
 - Eligible Indirect Medical Education programs;
 - Provider fellowship and apprenticeship programs; and
 - Loan repayment programs.
- BDR 38-450, “Revises provisions relating to Medicaid.”

Other BH Workforce Development Progress

- BeHERE NV (resulting from AB37, 2023)
 - Finishing hiring process
 - Building programs
 - Preparing to build Advisory Committee
 - Visit: <https://beherenv.org/>



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