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Expanded Capacity for Masters of Social Work (MSW) Students in California Schools

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Political Context

- Great year for social work!
- Governor's Proposed Budget included \$210 million for social work training, which includes stipends and scholarships for social work students.
- \$40 million to support job entry and career advancement for entry level workers in health and human services.
- Part of the \$60 million investment for multilingual job applicants to expand scholarships and loan repayment for healthcare and social workers.
- Proposal to increase the number of students who enroll in STEM, Education and Social Work by 25 percent by 2026-27.
- This supports our efforts to diversify the workforce and to increase social work spots in our colleges and universities.

Problem



Increasing demand for MSW-level professionals but lack of supply



Too few social workers coming through the education system & too few MSWs graduating each year



Social work schools do not have the capacity to add additional cohorts of students

Especially to continuously engage and sustain students who represent marginalized communities



Solution

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Require the California Health and Human Services Agency in coordination with CSU, UC and stakeholders to conduct an assesement of statewide needs for Master's level social workers.

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Establish a grant program to support students, schools, and organizations/agencies

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Conduct a follow up study to the SB 2030 child welfare workload study

Details

\$1 million

- Requires the Secretary of California's Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) and representatives of the Chancellors of the UC and CSU Systems and stakeholders, to conduct an assessment for the statewide needs for Master's level social workers.

\$118 million

- \$30 million per year to schools of social work to immediately expand the number of MSW students in public schools of social work.
- \$15 million per year to increase supports to community-based non-profit organizations and county agencies offering field internships
- \$13 million per year educational stipends to MSW students from under-represented communities.

\$1 million

- Require CalHHS to commission a follow up study to the SB 2030 (Chapter 785, Statutes of 1998) child welfare workload study given the significant new mandates that have been enacted in recent years

Advocate's Role

- Our proposal will be heard at the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 hearing on May 10.
- There will be an opportunity to call in at the end of the meeting.
- Advocates are given a brief amount of time to express your support for the proposal and perhaps to tell a short personal story.
- The budget is decided by a smaller number of members so calling into the hearing is one of the best ways to have your voice heard.
- You can also submit written testimony to: SBUD.Committee@senate.ca.gov