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## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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### **SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/12/26 **Bill Number:** HB50 **Original**  **Amendment**  **Substitute**

**Short Title:** SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT

**Sponsor:** Rep. Pamelyn Herndon

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### **SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

#### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

#### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

## ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SECTION III: NARRATIVE

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: HB50 proposes the Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact, allowing licensed social workers to obtain multistate licensure that authorizes practice across multiple participating states, while maintaining a single home-state license. This bill establishes a Social Work Licensure Compact Commission to oversee implementation, administration, and coordination among member states.

This commission would be tasked with developing a coordinated data system to identify each multistate licensure applicant with a unique identifier and facilitate information-sharing related to licensure and disciplinary actions. As part of their scope, the commission may promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this compact.

The legislation also provides specific provisions for military members and their spouses to maintain licensure portability during relocations. Additionally, HB50 amends the Social Work Practice Act to expand scope of practice and require state and federal criminal history background checks, including fingerprint-based checks, for multistate licensure.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or May 20, 2026.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

None