



ISSUE MEMORANDUM

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TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee Members
FROM	Kelli Okuma (signature on file) Retired Annuitant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6 – Review and Consideration of Proposed Policy for Legislative Positions for inclusion in the Administrative Procedures Manual

The following is submitted for your review and consideration to recommend the Board adopt under Chapter 4: Other Policies/Procedures of the California Board of Psychology Administrative Procedure Manual.

Board Policy

The Board may adopt one of the following positions on legislative bills that have an impact on the Board of Psychology, its licensees and applicants and the quality of psychological services for Californians:

Support: Legislation considered important and beneficial. A *support* position is appropriate only if there are no issues with the bill and the Board wants to express a greater level of supporting the enactment of the bill as it currently reads.

Neutral: Legislation that may be relevant to the Board but does not rise to the level of a support or oppose position. A *neutral* position is appropriate if the bill either does not affect any aspect of the Board or there are not major changes to the bill that the Board would like to request.

Oppose: Legislation considered harmful. An *oppose* position is appropriate if there is a fundamental concern with the bill and there is no desire to fix it or allow it to move further in the process.

Oppose Unless Amended: Legislation that contains some provisions in conflict with established Board positions. An *oppose-unless-amended* position is appropriate when the bill is unacceptable in its current form, but the Board has amendments that could remedy the objectionable provisions. The Board will work with the bill's author to amend the bill. If the bill is amended so that it no longer is objectionable, the Board will change

its position. The Board should take an oppose position if the changes are not made as the session moves forward.

Watch: Legislation that may be important, but the bill is not complete or the author intends to work further on the bill through amendments. The Board will monitor the progress of the bill. Future amendments to the bill could result in the Board taking an active position.

Support if Amended: Legislation the Board considers important, except it contains a part (or parts) that the Board would like changed. If the bill is amended to accommodate the Board's concern(s) or recommendation(s), the Board will change its position to Support.

Legislation reported to the Board that does not meet any of the criteria specified above does not necessitate the Board take a position.

Action Requested:

Accept and recommend to the Board that the policy be adopted into the BOP Administrative Procedure Manual.