


ISSUE MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 10, 2016
TO	Board of Psychology Members
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #12 d) – Review and Consideration of Proposed Policy for Legislative Positions for inclusion in the Administrative Procedures Manual

The following is submitted for the Board to review and consideration to adopt under Chapter 4: Other Policies/Procedures of the California Board of Psychology Administrative Procedure Manual. The recommendations for legislative positions shall be included in the legislative analysis.

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.

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.

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*.

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.

Neutral if amended: Legislation that may be relevant to the Board but does not rise to the level of a support or oppose position and it contains language that the Board would like amended. If the bill is amended to address the Board's concern(s), the Board will change its position to *Neutral*.

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:

Consider adoption of the above language into the Board of Psychology's Administrative Procedures Manual.