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Amendment Floor Report for HB 1523 – Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Author	Analysis	Recommendation
Ashby 860559	<p>The Sunset advisory committee recommended that Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors may have the authority to create an advisory committee in order to discuss any issue that the board finds that may need an advisory committee.</p> <p>The amendment aims to add language into statute that would require for any advisory committee that is overseeing land surveyors to be made up of 5 land surveyors. This would allow for land surveyors to be overseen by a board made of land surveyors. The goal of this board is to have a board with enough practice and knowledge to advise land surveyors appropriately.</p>	Favorable
Geren 860558	<p>Currently, in order to get licensed as a Texas Land Surveyor, one must have a Bachelor's degree and a total of 32 college hours in a field relating to land surveying.</p> <p>The amendment would lower the requirements for a licensee applicant and only require an Associate's degree as well as only require 16 credit hours in a field relating to land surveying. There are concerns that by lowering the requirement of hours and degree, the land surveyors will not have enough background on the field and could end up hurting the public since they do not have enough knowledge on the field. The Texas Society of Professional Surveyors contends that an Associate's degree is too low of a requirement and would prefer to keep the current Bachelor's degree requirement in place.</p>	Unfavorable

Amendment Floor Report for HB 1501 – Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Coleman 860561	<p>This amendment addresses concerns that TSBEP might be destabilized by the consolidation of the four licensing boards under BHEC and that the profession of psychology might be regulated – in whatever capacity – by other sister-professions.</p> <p>To do so, this amendment carves out TSBEP from the proposed BHEC and leaves the executive council with the remaining three behavioral health licensing boards: the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.</p>	Favorable
Darby 860560	<p>This amendment relates to out-of-state experience equivalency for a licensed counselor to have authorization to act as a supervisor in Texas. For Texas license-holders who have practice experience out-of-state, this amendment allows for those hours to count toward any board-required experience necessary to act as a supervisor in Texas. For this equivalency to be valid, BHEC must determine that the other states' license requirements are comparable to those enumerated in the Texas Occupational Code.</p>	Favorable

OK for Distribution –  Rep. Garnet Coleman