

Dear Madame Chairperson and members of the committee,

I am writing opposing HB 2117. I was a psychologist for many years and am gravely concerned regarding this bill and the manner in which it has reached this stage without notification from my board. Until a fellow concerned psychologist contacted me over the weekend I had no information regarding this potential bill. There is no mention of it in any announcements, public meeting minutes, quarterly newsletter etc. This is a bill that would have lifelong consequences for many in the profession and it is unjust that it would have reached this stage without the very professionals it is intended to impact being made aware of it.

Please table this bill until all those who will be impacted by it are notified as well as all those required by law. It is my understanding that the Board of Psychology should be addressing this, and similar issues, in Public Board Meetings. Even for rule making, not statute making, boards are required to announce the proposed rule to the public, give the public 30 days for commentary, and if 10 or more members of the public request a formal hearing the board must give them one on the record before the board can then vote to make the proposed rule permanent. Unfortunately, the Board of Psychology is once again putting the cart before the horse, attempting to push through legislation that will make it easier for them to target certain members of our profession.

I have in the past testified before a house sub committee regarding board malfeasance which resulted in the passing of a law which required them to tape their orals. My testimony resulted in years of harassment by the board. I don't know if those in the legislature understand that taking a stand on these issues is a frightening and sometimes career ending matter for professionals. For every person that you hear from in matters of boards, who control our profession, our livelihood, our ability to practice, there are so many more who are too fearful to speak out. Please take this into consideration as you consider this matter.

I am opposed to this bill on multiple levels but would like more time to peruse the bill and articulate my concerns.

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