

I would like to voice my opposition to HB 2493. I am a Reiki practitioner and teacher in Corvallis, Oregon. I have been practicing Reiki for almost 50 years, and have been teaching Reiki for over 26 years. I first learned Reiki one from Mrs. Hawayo Takata, who is the person responsible for bringing Reiki from Japan to the rest of the world. She was my teacher in 1973. I have taught over 900 students Reiki. Many of them use it as a self help tool, to help self calm or reduce pain, or to help family and friends. Some use it as part of their livelihood, or to volunteer with people in need. To exact licensing requirements or other stipulations such as the bill would require, would reduce the numbers of people who can offer this service to others. This seems to me to be unwise, and to be perpetrated by people who don't really understand what reiki is about. I hope you will listen to the many people who are speaking out against this bill. Thank you for your time.

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