

I am all for mandatory licensing of alternative health practitioners in Oregon.
This can not come soon enough to protect clients from unlicensed healers in Oregon.
I am a Licensed Massage Therapist LMT with 23 years experience & a Reiki Master Teacher.
I have extensive coursework & certification in a variety of alternative health modalities.
Every year I pay my licensing dues, my liability insurance, I take my Ethics coursework to renew my license through OBMT.
It feels unfair to me that 1,000s of Healers can just place a shingle in their window without any proper training,
licensing, insurance and they are not regulated in any way.
I have seen firsthand healers who have not been properly trained doing everything from Acutonics Tuning Fork work to
TCM Cupping to manual therapies that they are not even trained in, it is a disturbing trend.
This poses a danger to the health & welfare of clients. It also makes those of us who are trained in these modalities look bad,
if they don't know what they are doing & they do it wrong & the client has a bad experience, they may think the modality is
not effective or even worse, dangerous, when in fact the person wasn't properly trained in that modality to begin with!
It's ridiculous how many people are practicing modalities they are not properly trained in under the radar.
I also publish a Health & Wellness Magazine, Bend Health Guide in Central Oregon & I would love to have a way of knowing
that the Health Providers I am promoting there are reputable.

Thank you so much for moving in this direction of accountability!