

May 9, 2021

House Committee on Behavioral Health,

*I am responding to **Bill HB 2493**: Healing Touch Practitioners should not be included in this Bill.*

Since 1990, the Healing Touch Program (HTP) has proudly granted practitioner certification to individuals who exhibit the professionalism, discipline and dedication required to meet the established criteria to be a Healing Touch Certified Practitioner.

The requirements are rigorous and are designed to instill knowledge, skill and confidence in the practitioner. The Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential is recognized in Energy Medicine and allopathic medicine as a significant professional accomplishment. The following are required to apply for practitioner certification:

- Completion of Healing Touch Program Levels 1 – 5*
- One year of formal mentorship with an approved mentor*
- Evidence of a Healing Touch Practice and preparing a case study addressing four to five sessions with a client*
- Completion of additional reading and reflection reports on educational resources, ethics, professionalism and growth as a healer*

The Healing Touch Program is dedicated to ensuring Healing Touch Practitioners are ethical and professional practitioners.

Again, Healing Touch Practitioners should not be included in HB 2493.

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