

As director of an Academy that provides certification for EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) practitioners, I am asking you to oppose HB 2493, which specifies it would cover all modalities that provide care to an individual or group of individuals for the purpose of addressing personal growth or to alleviate emotional suffering.

The State of Oregon already offers licensure for therapists and there is no need to regulate individual healing practitioners outside of mainstream psychotherapy. Under the guise of protecting the public, this bill starts the process of eliminating consumer choice, by discouraging alternative healers from offering their services. This is a solution for something that isn't a problem. A solution that will ultimately harm Oregon citizens.

Enrollment is voluntary now, but historically, once the State inserts itself into private enterprise, when has it ever failed to pursue every more control through regulation. This bill may be well-intentioned, but at a time when small businesses and solopreneurs are really struggling, it needs to be rejected.

Thank you,  
Robert Nelson