

Chair Sanchez and members of the Behavioral Health Committee,

I ask for your "No" vote on HB 2493 for the following reasons:

1. I have experienced first hand that having a license is not a reliable indicator of ethical behavior.
2. No matter how well-intentioned your effort you will never eradicate wanton or accidental errors from any professional field, and most especially the fields of mental/physical health.
3. Limiting access is elitist and suggests you know better than the individual consumer what is good or appropriate.
4. New frontiers must, by nature, start where there is no roadmap. Will this restriction inhibit the next Freud or Jung?
5. The entrenched bureaucracies who support this bill are less than trustworthy in their intentions and most reliable in their self-serving, protectionist views.
6. Is there currently and epidemic of harm being perpetrated by mass numbers of charlatans in Oregon? If so, then please spend your time, money and energy educating the public rather than curtailing our free and unfettered access to the practitioner of our choice.

Please vote "No" on HB 2493.

Thank you,

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