

## **OPA Opposes HB 2016**

The Oregon Psychological Association (OPA) is a professional association comprised of psychologists and associates who advocate for psychology on local, state, and national issues affecting both the profession and those we serve.

While we acknowledge that people make mistakes, the best approach is not to erase these entirely, but to acknowledge them and be able to explain what has changed or been learned. Removing this history creates confusion and creates inequity across disciplines that can cause confusion for credentialing bodies.

- This bill leaves only the National Provider Databank, which requires a fee to access, as a complete record of disciplinary history after 3-5 years.
- This bill creates inequity among license types, as there is no such exemption for other professions, including those with significantly more extensive training.
- This bill may result in confusion for licensees when completing attestation
  questionnaires for credentialing and further licensing, which may result in delays or
  other negative consequences.

Thank you for your consideration.

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