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Dear Senator Beyer,

I'm contacting you because I am concerned about the proposed amendment to HB 2303, specifically the -3 amendment.

The amendment requires licensing of any 'alternative behavioral health practitioner' which includes hypnotherapists, sexologist, somatic therapists, life coaches, parenting coaches, wellness coaches, qualified mental health professionals, other than peer support specialists or a peer wellness specialists as defined in ORS 414.025, who are not licensed in this state and qualified



mental health associates who are not licensed in this state.

This bill, which has minimal financial impact, passed with overwhelming support in the House and was requested by Governor Brown. The amendment was proposed on May 16th, the **same day** as public testimony along with an emergency clause. The House didn't think an emergency clause was warranted yet the co-sponsors of the amendment are proposing one. Why is there such haste to pass this amended bill and avoid public input, accountability and debate?

This amendment is too broad in nature, capturing hundreds, if not thousands of practitioners in the definition. I have a master's of science in human nutrition and functional medicine as well as two nutrition certifications and practice as a self-employed nutritionist. As a self-employed professional I, like hundreds of my colleagues, will be unable work for OHA licensed agencies and forced to close my practice and abandon my clients.

This amendment is wrong on too many levels and warrants media coverage and public input. Please do not pass this amendment on to the Senate.

Respectfully,
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