



# NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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## Oregon Senate Committee on Health Care

**Re: HB2303 A  
Amendment A-3**

Dear Oregon Senators and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

My name is Diane Miller and I am an attorney and Director of Law and Public Policy for National Health Freedom Action (NHFA). National Health Freedom Action respectfully requests that you vote in opposition to HB2303 A, **Amendment A-3**. Our organization has worked for 20 years supporting efforts to create safe harbor laws for unlicensed health care practitioners in numerous states and we believe that this amendment does not reflect the concerns and wishes of the healing community and will deeply adversely impact all types of complementary and alternative health care practitioners in your state. We have heard from many concerned practitioners and consumers regarding this amendment who wish to oppose the amendment, and we encourage your no vote.

We view this amendment as a restrictive bill infringing on the rights of thousands of Oregon wellness practitioners. We believe that Oregon needs a Safe Harbor law like other states that protects all practitioners, healers, coaches, and wonderful practitioners that are not licensed or registered in the conventional health care system.

We have heard the concern that you want to know where everyone is and that the amendment is a simple "registration" requirement. However, your amendment goes way beyond simple permit or registration parameters because it impacts practice and qualifications instead of being a simple registration of title protection bill. We believe that the more reasonable and judicious approach would be to consider a safe harbor for the larger community with mandatory disclosures and prohibited acts, and then to create a space for protected titles. The amendment that you have put forward unnecessarily impacts those practitioners that do not plan to be part of the conventional system or plan to use the titles which you have designed.

The way that your amendment is written it would force many practitioners to register with the government before they are allowed to use their vocational titles, and then have the government establish by rulemaking, qualifications for each type of practitioner, including training and experience and, if appropriate, examinations, and ethical standards that must be observed. The amendment even puts restrictions on the types of agencies and organizations that they can be employed by. This does not reflect the reality of the overall healing community.

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Oregon should consider the least restrictive type of legislation which is a safe harbor bill that spells out prohibited acts and requires disclosure to consumers by complementary and alternative health care practitioners like other states with no permit or registration necessary. In the very least Oregon could present the option of a title protection permit. The amendment as written goes way beyond the least restrictive means of regulation.

NHFA does not support the regulation of all people that care for each other. We hold dear the constitutional rights of all people to work in their profession and vocations, and the government must prove public harm before it regulates or infringes on any vocation.

We ask you to please oppose Amendment A-3 of HB2303 A.

We are willing to provide you with a draft of language that will meet your needs if you would like. We have prepared an amendment for your review.

Very Best

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