

As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to oppose Amendment A3, introduced by Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, to HB 2303. This amendment would create a burdensome licensure program for Life and Wellness Coaches, without actually achieving any benefit to the public. Instead it would strictly limit who could provide life and wellness coaching services, increase costs, reduce choice, and have the likely affect of creating a monopoly on these services for other professions.

According to the Institute for Justice, licensing laws result in the loss of 2.85 million jobs nationwide, and the cost to consumers from licensing laws has been estimated to be as high as \$203 billion every year.<sup>1</sup> The legislature should consider whether a less restrictive form of regulation could be implemented as an alternative to licensing, and only implement stricter regulation when actual harm has been shown. Life and Wellness Coaching presents no actual harm to the public welfare, and no other state places such burdens on Life and Wellness Coaching, or classifies coaches as health care practitioners

We do not need more costly regulation in Oregon, nor should we enable a program that will reduce employment, increase costs to practitioners and consumers, increase the chance of one profession monopolizing the practice through regulation, and overall reducing choice for Oregonians.

I urge you to vote NO on Amendment A3

Sincerely,

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