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Senate Health Care and Human Services  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 111

Chair Monnes-Anderson,

Please accept this letter of support from the International Association of Structural Integrators (IASI) for Senate Bill 111. This bill would incorporate "Bodywork" into the purview of the current Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, and empower the Board to appropriately regulate the practice of bodywork professionals who are not providing massage.

The bill does not expand the number of practitioners the Board will regulate. It allows the Board to recognize unique disciplines that are not massage but fall under the umbrella of bodywork and clarify rules governing them. Structural Integration is one of these disciplines, with a broad knowledge base and skill set that are expanded and distinct from massage. Establishing a defined scope of practice and relevant requirements for education and training and for validation of competency for established bodywork disciplines would assist public understanding of the differences between bodywork and massage practices. It would ensure that practitioners would have the necessary training and qualifications for safe and effective specialized practice. It would remove barriers for Structural Integration practitioners who would like to offer services in Oregon but who are not massage therapists, which would improve public access to these therapeutic services.

I have attached a brief description of Structural Integration and of the International Association of Structural Integrators, on whose board I serve, and whom I represent as Chair of the Legislative Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (978) 855-2787.

Respectfully,

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