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Oregon State Legislature  
Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee  
Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair  
Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair  
Tim Knopp  
Chip Shields  
Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

Re: SB 111, Requiring regulation of bodywork in same manner that law currently regulates massage

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and Committee Members:

I am writing with concerns about SB 111, as Interim Executive Director and Oregon Regulation Coordinator and for the Feldenkrais Guild® of North America (FGNA).

Although the practice of the Feldenkrais Method® of somatic education would continue to be exempt from the requirements of ORS 687, under the provisions of Section 687.031 (j), the proposed definition of bodywork in SB 111 is problematic because:

- (1) There is no commonly accepted definition of bodywork;
- (2) It is overly broad;
- (3) It references the undefined term “touch therapy”; and
- (4) It is in conflict with the Feldenkrais Method Standards of Practice, which have been in effect for over twenty years, and which state that the Feldenkrais Method is not a “bodywork technique”.

I understand that the primary intent of SB 111 is to allow for appropriate regulation of the practice of “structural integration”. Since there is no commonly accepted definition of bodywork, I suggest that an appropriate solution would be to: (1) Change the name of the State Board of Massage to State Board of Massage and Structural Integration; and (2) Define structural integration in a way that does not include other practices.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Wiener". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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