



Statement in Support of HB 2081

The Oregon Psychological Association would like to offer the following written statement in support of HB 2081.

HB 2081 is a much needed measure. Presently, through a loophole in the current laws governing the practice of Psychology, Psychologists residents can set up a practice that is unsupervised and is outside of the scope of a training program. Additionally, Master's level practitioners are not specifically included in the relevant laws, yet their training requirements are substantially similar to those required for doctoral level practitioners. These oversights leave the public with no recourse when inappropriate practice occurs, as these activities occur outside of the current dominion of the existing laws. Finally, there are also some problems with imprecise language in the current laws governing Psychology practice.

HB 2081 addresses all 3 situations cleanly and succinctly. We specifically support the requirement that both master's level and doctoral level graduate students practice psychology only for academic credit as part of an organized and supervised training program. We also support the language clarifications that are included in this bill.

Thank you very much for your time in considering this very important bill. We hope that it is relatively non-controversial and can quickly be moved into law.