



Coalition of Oregon Professional  
Associations for Counseling & Therapy



**To: Oregon Legislative Assembly**

**Fr: Coalition of Oregon Professional Associations for Counseling and Therapy**

**Da: Regular Session 2013**

**Re: Support for HB 2768**

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## Coalition of Oregon Professional Associations for Counseling and Therapy Supports HB 2768.

Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists are highly trained Masters level mental health providers who offer psychotherapy services to individuals of all ages, families, couples, groups, and organizations throughout Oregon. Both of these professions have been licensed to practice under Oregon Statute since 1991.

There are 3,500 LPCs, LMFTs and registered interns. We estimate that each week LPCs, LMFTs and registered interns work with well over 70,000 Oregonians seeking services in mental health clinics, private practices, colleges, hospitals, prisons, and rehabilitation agencies.

HB 2768 makes modest adjustments to the practice statutes governing Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. It updates and clarifies several definitional provisions and aligns the post-graduate supervision requirements between the two professions.

The oversight agency for these two professions, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, did not register any concerns with the bill at the hearing and nor did any allied professional associations or their related boards.

***We respectfully ask you to vote "Aye" on House Bill 2768***