



**FSMTB**  
FEDERATION OF STATE  
MASSAGE THERAPY BOARDS

May 7, 2015

Oregon Board of Massage Therapists  
Attn: Kate Coffey, Executive Director  
748 Hawthorne Avenue  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Ms. Coffey:

Re: SB 298

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) appreciates the invitation from the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists to assist you in support of your position with regard to Oregon SB 298. The mission of the FSMTB is to support our 41 member boards, including Oregon, in their work to ensure that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner. FSMTB serves the regulatory community and provides benefit from the knowledge gained by combining individual state resources into a larger Federation—the FSMTB.

Consistent with the comprehensive review and analyses undertaken by the Entry Level Analysis Project (ELAP) workgroup, convened by the seven national massage therapy organizations, FSMTB takes the position in our model practice act that 625 hours of entry-level massage/bodywork therapy education is appropriate. As the profession evolves, it is recommended that all educational institutions adopt a curriculum that reflects the ELAP recommendations and that it is acceptable to an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Based on the proposed 625 hours of education, FSMTB supports our member board in their position on SB 298. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Additionally, if we can assist you in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at 913.681.0380 or by email.

Sincerely,

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