



Good Afternoon Rep Greenlick and House Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to you in support of SB 298-A. As the Director of Allied Health in Continuing Education at Lane Community College, the increase in hours for Licensed Massage Therapists pre-licensure education is going to benefit the massage program at Lane, the students and employers.

The current pre-licensure educational hour requirement of 500 hours is not adequate in preparing students to be massage therapists in the 21st century workplace. Lane increased its hours of training over four years ago to 620 hours at the request of employers who wanted better skilled massage therapists upon licensure.

The increase in training hours will, also, allow more time for the pre-licensure massage students to hone their skills which will provide for more experienced newly licensed massage therapists which will protect the public.

Thank you,

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