

*Testimony submitted via email.*

I am writing in regards to HB 2432 on licensure for art therapy. I strongly believe this is something that will benefit the greater public. Having a licensure that requires a master's level education in art therapy is necessary to effectively and properly use art therapy. I have two undergraduate degrees, one in psychology and one in fine arts, that were both completed between the years 2011-2015, so my bachelor's degrees are current and not outdated. Now that I am in an art therapy master's program, it is clear that these two undergraduate degrees are not enough to be practicing art therapy. Art is a powerful tool and allowing for someone to use it therapeutically that is not properly trained to do so should be (and is) alarming. I fully support HB2432. Thank you.

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