

Testimony submitted via email.

I am a clinical psychologist writing in support of HB 3355. I have a private practice, and I know firsthand that there is a shortage of qualified prescribers who have an understanding of psychopharmacology and experience prescribing psychiatric medications. My clients often ask me for referrals, or want me to be able to prescribe medications so that the provider who is most familiar with them and their needs can also be the one who prescribes their medications for their psychiatric conditions. I also know that, because of the shortage, many either do not get necessary medications, or get them prescribed by providers who don't have the knowledge and experience necessary for this highly specialized area, and thus don't do it competently. Allowing properly trained psychologists to prescribe would meet this need. I strongly support HB 3355.

Sincerely,

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