

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Despite support from my professional organization, I am writing to oppose HB 3355. By way of background, I have been a licensed psychologist for over 30 years. I have been President of a state psychology organization and chair of a state licensing board. I am also board certified in Behavior and Cognitive Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

For the sake of all those suffering with psychological difficulties psychologists had better stick with helping in the development of skills and not the prescribing of pills. We have plenty of individuals licensed to provide medications but no other doctoral level professionals focusing not only on how to *feel better* in life but to actually *get better* at coping with the multiple difficulties life brings. More and more individuals prescribing drugs is not what the public needs but rather more qualified individuals providing help to develop the skills to live more effectively in an increasingly difficult and complicated world. Yes, those services are greatly lacking in rural areas but, from my perspective, providing more pill providers is not going to improve the situation in rural or urban areas.

Thank you for considering these views. I hope you will vote against this bill.

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