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To: The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
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Subject: HB 2432A Art therapy

Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the committee; I am Sylvie Donaldson, director of the Health Licensing Office.

While the Health Licensing Office is neutral on all bills, I am here to talk about the impact of House Bill 2432A, a bill that creates a license for the practice of art therapy.

The bill's license would be administered as a program under the umbrella of the Office, because a program is easier and less expensive to administer.

The group behind this bill worked with the Health Licensing Office when they were creating the text; issuing this license fits with how the Office works.

The Office appreciates the bill sponsors working to make a few additional clarifications in the amendments:

- Clarify the Office statutes ORS 676.610, 676.583, 676.612, 676.613 and 676.622 to include this program.
- Clarify the Office has authority to discipline an individual who is licensed.

- Sections 2 and 3 of HB 2432A requires HLO to issue a license when a person holds a credential or certification from the Art Therapy Credentials Board. The amendment changes the “shall” to “may,” giving the Office the ability to determine applicants’ fitness to practice.
- The bill directs HLO to adopt rules to approve the credentials issued by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (“shall adopt rules”). Using “may” in this case could help avoid giving the state’s authority to a private entity.
- Section 4(1) requires art therapists to comply with the code of ethics, conduct and disciplinary procedures established by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, and the amendment makes clear the intention of licensees in place at the time the law is adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify; I am available if there are any questions.