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TO: The Honorable Mitch Greenlick, Chair
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SUBJECT: HB 2432 Art therapy

Chair Greenlick 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 2432 (and Senate Bill 255), 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; a program is easier and less expensive to administer. In addition, this bill clearly states the qualifications needed for the license, the fact that it is a practice act and creates exceptions for the license. This makes rule-writing and program administration simple and straightforward. 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.

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