



The Oregon Psychological Association Supports HB 2432 with the amendments described below.

The Oregon Psychological Association (OPA) is the largest organization representing licensed psychologists. We have reviewed HB 2432, regarding establishing a license for Art Therapists in the state of Oregon.

We appreciate the creation of standards for licensing the practice of art therapy services, however this bill, as currently written, has unclear and conflicting language, and it is too exclusionary of existing practitioners who have been formally trained in and practice art therapy in safe, effective and appropriately regulated ways.

OPA supports the amendments to HB 2432 that have been submitted to Legislative Counsel. These amendments allow for existing licensed mental health professionals to continue to provide art therapy if it is within their scope of practice. In addition, the amendments clarify that Art Therapists can treat patients, but they cannot diagnose mental health disorders. OPA can support this bill with these crucial amendments.

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